

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to SR 12:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by general law for the payment of rewards for the development and conservation of
 3 various energy resources in this state; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
 4 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 The Constitution of Georgia is amended in Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI by revising
 8 subparagraph (b) as follows:

9 "(b)(1) All laws heretofore adopted under Article III, Section VIII, Paragraph XII of the
 10 Constitution of 1976 in force and effect on June 30, 1983, shall continue in force and
 11 effect and may be amended if such amendments are consistent with the authority granted
 12 to the General Assembly by such provisions of said Constitution; provided, however, that
 13 the provisions of subparagraph (3) of said provision of the Constitution of 1976 shall be
 14 superseded by subparagraph (2) of this subparagraph.

15 (2)(A) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the payment of
 16 rewards to the first person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings
 17 in the first commercial oil well on land in this state, to the first person or firm or
 18 combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial oil well
 19 off-shore in waters of the Atlantic Ocean within the jurisdiction of this state, to the first
 20 person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first
 21 commercial natural gas well on land in this state, and to the first person or firm or
 22 combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial natural gas
 23 well off-shore in waters of the Atlantic Ocean within the jurisdiction of this state. The
 24 amount of any such rewards, the minimal amounts of daily production required to
 25 qualify as commercial wells, and the authority for determining whether such wells are
 26 producing such minimal amounts of daily production shall be as established by general
 27 law. Such law shall provide for the distribution of the amount of the reward between

28 the persons or firms which drill or cause to be drilled said wells and the contractors who
 29 furnish such equipment, among such workers and employees actually engaged in the
 30 job, and to the mineral, gas, or property owners where the wells are drilled. Said law
 31 shall provide for the method of payments by the Governor.

32 (B) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the payment of a reward
 33 to a person or firm who develops in this state a method, system, or device for
 34 substantial and commercially viable energy production utilizing sources other than
 35 fossil fuels to produce such energy. The General Assembly may also provide by
 36 general law for the payment of a reward to a person or firm who develops in this state
 37 a method, system, or device for substantial and commercially viable energy
 38 conservation to reduce dependence on fossil fuels as a source of energy. The amount
 39 of any such rewards, the minimal amounts of energy production or conservation
 40 required to qualify as substantial, and the authority for determining whether the
 41 requirements for such an award have been met shall be as established by general law.
 42 Such law shall provide for the distribution of the amount of the reward between persons
 43 or firms who cause such method, system, or device to be developed and among the
 44 workers and employees actually engaged in the job. Such law shall provide for the
 45 method of payments by the Governor."

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SECTION 2.

47 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 48 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 49 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

50 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 51 Assembly to provide by general law for the payment of rewards for the
 52 () NO development and conservation of various energy resources in this state?"

53 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
 54 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 55 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 56 become a part of the Constitution of this state.