

House Resolution 1177

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, McCall of the 30th, Lindsey of the 54th, Bruce of the 64th, Levitas of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
2 provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; to provide for the submission of
3 this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
7 subparagraph to read as follows:

8 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for the operation and regulation of
9 pari-mutuel wagering in this state on horse racing by or on behalf of the state and for any
10 matters relating to such activities. The General Assembly may provide for the dedication
11 of all or a portion of the net revenues and proceeds derived from such activities after
12 payment of all necessary operating expenses and purses and cash prizes to one or more
13 specific purposes. Such revenues and proceeds shall not be subject to Article III, Section
14 IX, Paragraph IV(c); Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII, Section III,
15 Paragraph II, unless the General Assembly so provides by law. Such net revenues and
16 proceeds shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified by the
17 Governor in the annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate budget
18 category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering Proceeds,' and the Governor shall make specific
19 recommendations as to the programs for which such net revenues and proceeds shall be
20 appropriated. The General Assembly shall appropriate all such net revenues and proceeds
21 in accordance with law."

22 SECTION 2.

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

26 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
27 Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in Georgia on horse
28 NO racing?"

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