

House Resolution 20

By: Representatives Brockway of the 101st and Dudgeon of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to limit the rate of growth in the state
 2 budget, with such limitation based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index and population
 3 growth; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for
 4 other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by adding at the end a
 8 new subparagraph to read as follows:

9 "(e) The General Assembly shall not appropriate state funds for any given fiscal year
 10 which, in the aggregate, exceed the aggregate amount of state funds appropriated for the
 11 immediately preceding fiscal year plus a percentage increase in such appropriation over the
 12 appropriation for the immediately preceding fiscal year which does not exceed the
 13 percentage increase in gross state product for the most recently available year over the
 14 gross state product for the immediately preceding year. For purposes of this subparagraph,
 15 the percentage increase in gross state product shall be a factor composed of the Consumer
 16 Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor plus
 17 the annual percentage increase in the total population of this state according to the United
 18 States Bureau of the Census. Should the gross state product decline, this subparagraph
 19 shall not require aggregate appropriated state funds to be cut. The General Assembly may
 20 exceed the limitation of this subparagraph if the Act appropriating such funds is approved
 21 by a two-thirds' vote of both houses of the General Assembly."

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 limit the rate of
27 NO growth in the state budget, with such limitation based upon changes in the
28 Consumer Price Index and population growth?"

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.