

House Resolution 152

By: Representatives Gordon of the 162nd, Drenner of the 86th, Murphy of the 120th, Williams of the 165th, Parent of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the Public Service
 2 Commission shall be composed of seven members representing seven districts of more or
 3 less equal population who shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective
 4 districts; to provide for terms of office; to provide for staggered terms; to provide for terms
 5 of office of the five members of the commission in office prior to January 1, 2014; to provide
 6 for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article IV, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended as follows:

10 "(a) There shall be a Public Service Commission for the regulation of utilities which shall
 11 consist of five members who shall be elected by the people and who shall serve through
 12 December 31, 2013, at which time their terms of office shall expire. Beginning January
 13 1, 2014, there shall be a Public Service Commission for the regulation of utilities which
 14 shall consist of seven members representing seven districts of more or less equal population
 15 who shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts. The initial seven
 16 members shall be elected at the general election in 2013 for terms of office beginning the
 17 first day of January following such election. The General Assembly shall by general law
 18 establish the initial terms of such members which shall not exceed six years and shall be
 19 staggered. The Commissioners in office on June 30, 1983, shall serve until December 31
 20 after the general election at which the successor of each member is elected. Thereafter, all
 21 succeeding terms of members shall be for six years. Members shall serve until their
 22 successors are elected and qualified. A ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall be selected by the
 23 members of the commission from its membership.

24 (b) The commission shall be vested with such jurisdiction, powers, and duties as
 25 provided by law.

26 (c) The filling of vacancies and manner and time of election of members of the
 27 commission shall be as provided by law."

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SECTION 2.

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

32 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that the Public Service
33 Commission shall be expanded from five members elected at large to seven
34 NO members representing seven districts of more or less equal population who
35 shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts?"

36 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

37 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
38 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
39 become a part of the Constitution of this state.