

House Resolution 186

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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, provided that such activities shall not be conducted in  
11 a county until such activities are approved by a majority of the electors of the county voting  
12 in a referendum on the conduct of such activities within such county. The General  
13 Assembly shall provide for the dedication of the net revenues and proceeds derived from  
14 such activities after payment of all necessary operating expenses and purses and cash prizes  
15 to one or more of the specific purposes set forth in this subparagraph. Such revenues and  
16 proceeds shall not be subject to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c); Article III, Section  
17 IX, Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II, unless the General Assembly  
18 so provides by law. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be separately accounted for and  
19 shall be specifically identified by the Governor in the annual budget presented to the  
20 General Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering Proceeds,'  
21 and the Governor shall make specific recommendations as to the programs for which such  
22 net revenues and proceeds shall be appropriated. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be  
23 used to supplement, not supplant, nonpari-mutuel wagering resources for the following  
24 programs and purposes:

25 (1) Tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such citizens  
26 to attend colleges and universities located within this state, regardless of whether such

27 colleges or universities are operated by the board of regents, or to attend institutions  
 28 operated under the authority of the Technical College System of Georgia;  
 29 (2) Voluntary prekindergarten; and  
 30 (3) Funding any and all costs or any portion of the costs of providing trauma care  
 31 services by public and private hospitals and medical facilities in this state.  
 32 The General Assembly shall appropriate all such net revenues and proceeds in accordance  
 33 with law."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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

38 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General  
 39 Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in Georgia on horse  
 40 ( ) NO racing conditioned upon the approval by the electors of the county in which  
 41 such activities are to be conducted in a referendum and for the use of the net  
 42 revenues and proceeds only for the purposes of funding educational grants,  
 43 scholarships, or loans; voluntary prekindergarten programs; and funding any  
 44 and all costs or any portion of the costs of providing trauma care services  
 45 by public and private hospitals and medical facilities in this state?"

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