

House Resolution 383

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, England of the 108th, Roberts of the 154th, Powell of the 171st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that
 2 increases in tuition and fees at institutions of the University System of Georgia shall not
 3 exceed the rate of inflation unless approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly; to
 4 provide for this amendment to be self-executing but authorize general laws relating to its
 5 implementation; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection;
 6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution, relating to the University System
 10 of Georgia, is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

11 "(g) This subparagraph shall apply to any increase in tuition or student fees at any
 12 institution in the university system. No such increase in any calendar year which exceeds
 13 the rate of inflation for the immediately preceding calendar year shall become effective
 14 unless approved by a joint resolution of the General Assembly. For the purposes of this
 15 paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be measured by the Consumer Price Index for the
 16 United States compiled by the United States Department of Labor or by such other measure
 17 of inflation as may be specified by Act of the General Assembly. This subparagraph shall
 18 be self-executing, but the General Assembly may by general law further define the terms
 19 used in this subparagraph, provide for the administration of this subparagraph, and provide
 20 exceptions to the requirement for approval by joint resolution."

21 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide that increases in
26 tuition and fees at institutions of the University System of Georgia shall not
27 NO exceed the rate of inflation unless approved by joint resolution of the
28 General Assembly?"

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.