

House Resolution 422

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the enactment of general law
 2 fiscal impact standards and to require that any general bill or resolution that enacts or amends
 3 a tax exemption or tax credit complies with such fiscal impact standards unless two-thirds
 4 of the members of the General Assembly vote in a roll-call vote to waive such requirement
 5 for such bill or resolution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification
 6 or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article III, Section V of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as
 10 follows:

11 "Paragraph IIA. *Fiscal impact standards.* It shall be the duty of the General Assembly
 12 to enact general laws to define fiscal impact standards that will assure the fiscal soundness
 13 of the state. The General Assembly shall control legislative procedures so that any general
 14 revenue bill or general revenue resolution, including general revenue resolutions proposing
 15 amendments to this Constitution, enacting or amending any tax credit or tax exemption
 16 complies with the defined fiscal impact standards unless two-thirds of the members to
 17 which each house is entitled vote in a roll-call vote to waive such requirement for such bill
 18 or resolution."

19 SECTION 2.

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

23 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require the enactment
24 of general law fiscal impact standards and to require that any general bill or
25 NO resolution that enacts or amends a tax exemption or tax credit complies with
26 such fiscal impact standards unless two-thirds of the members of the General
27 Assembly vote in a roll-call vote to waive such requirement for such bill or
28 resolution?"

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.