

House Resolution 425

By: Representatives Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Walker of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup>, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States  
2 Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by  
3 allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly,  
4 for the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for  
5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph VII as follows:

9 "Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* Except as permitted or required by the  
10 United States Constitution, as amended, no ~~No~~ money shall ever be taken from the public  
11 treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious denomination  
12 or of any sectarian institution."

13 SECTION 2.

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

17 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended in a manner consistent with  
18 the United States Constitution so as to prevent discrimination in the public  
19 funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations  
20 ( ) NO to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such  
21 services?"

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