

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HR 186:

#### 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:

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

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

36 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

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

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