

Senate Resolution 704

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Stoner of the 6th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to  
 2 provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from certain fees, licenses, or  
 3 other assessments to any one or more state programs for the protection, preservation,  
 4 management, remediation, and restoration of natural resources, or for any other permissible  
 5 public purpose, including, but not limited to, programs designed to enhance public safety and  
 6 security; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and  
 7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 9 SECTION 1.

10 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new  
 11 subparagraph to read as follows:

12 "(o)(1) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the dedication of revenues  
 13 derived from certain fees, licenses, or other assessments to any one or more state  
 14 programs for the protection, preservation, management, remediation, and restoration of  
 15 natural resources, or for any other permissible public purpose, including, but not limited  
 16 to, programs designed to enhance public safety and security, so as to offset, in whole or  
 17 in part, the costs to the state of implementing and administering such program or  
 18 programs. Such general law may provide that such revenues so derived and dedicated  
 19 shall not lapse.

20 (2) Any such general law enacted prior to and in effect on January 1, 2012, is hereby  
 21 ratified."

### 22 SECTION 2.

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

26     " YES    Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General  
27                    Assembly to provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived  
28      NO    from certain fees, licenses, or other assessments to any one or more state  
29                    programs for the protection, preservation, management, remediation, and  
30                    restoration of natural resources, or for any other permissible public purpose,  
31                    including, but not limited to, programs designed to enhance public safety  
32                    and security?"

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