

House Resolution 1350

By: Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Golick of the 34th, and Ramsey of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create special transportation districts
 2 for taxation purposes for the funding of regional transportation projects; to provide for the
 3 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article IX, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph V to read
 7 as follows:

8 "Paragraph V. *Tax allocation; regional transportation projects.* As used in this
 9 Paragraph, the term 'regional transportation project' means, without limitation, any new or
 10 existing airports, bike lanes, bridges, freight and passenger rail, pedestrian facilities, ports,
 11 roads, and terminals and all activities and structures useful and incident to providing,
 12 operating, and maintaining the same. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 13 Constitution, a county is authorized to enter into contracts with any county which is
 14 contiguous to such county for the purpose of allocating the proceeds of regional special
 15 transportation district sales taxes collected in such county with such other counties with
 16 which the taxing county has entered into agreements for the development of one or more
 17 regional transportation projects. The allocation of such tax proceeds shall be determined
 18 by contract between the affected county governing authorities. Such contract shall provide
 19 for the manner of development, operation, and management of the regional transportation
 20 project and the sharing of expenses among the contracting county authorities and shall
 21 specify the percentage of transportation sales taxes to be allocated and the method of
 22 allocation to each participating county governing authority. The authority granted to
 23 counties under this Paragraph shall be subject to any conditions, limitations, and
 24 restrictions which may be imposed by general law."

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SECTION 2.

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

29 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize counties to
30 contract with contiguous counties concerning regional transportation
31 NO projects and the sharing of the proceeds of a tax levied to fund such regional
32 transportation projects?"

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.