

House Resolution 1521

By: Representative Taylor of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia so as to authorize the General
2 Assembly to provide for the creation of alternate authorizers to approve the establishment
3 of charter schools; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this
4 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

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

9 "Paragraph VIII. *Alternate authorizers.* The General Assembly may provide by general
10 law for the creation and operation of alternate authorizers to approve charter schools that
11 have been denied by a local board of education. Such alternate authorizers shall be
12 established pursuant to local law, conditioned on the approval of a majority of the qualified
13 electors of the local school system voting in a referendum thereon, and the local board of
14 education shall perform such administrative functions for such alternate authorizer as
15 provided by law. Alternate authorizers shall be composed of at least five and not more than
16 seven members, and its members shall have at least the same qualifications as members of
17 local boards of education. The members shall be appointed as provided in the local law
18 and shall include at least four of the following: the mayor or county commission
19 chairperson, a charter school operator in the geographical boundaries of the local school
20 system, two current presidents of parent-teacher associations, and a local public school
21 teacher not teaching in a charter school. An alternate authorizer shall have the power to
22 overrule a decision by the local board of education denying the approval or renewal of a
23 charter school. In the event that an alternate authorizer overrules such denial, the charter
24 school shall be deemed to be a school of the local board of education and the local board
25 of education shall operate and manage such school. The General Assembly shall
26 appropriate state funds for the support and maintenance of charter schools authorized by
27 alternate authorizers in such amount and manner as may be provided by law."

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SECTION 2.

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

32 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to authorize the General

33 () NO Assembly to provide for the creation of local alternate authorizers to
34 approve the establishment of charter schools?"

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

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