

Senate Resolution 1025

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Albers of the 56th, Henson of the 41st, Stoner of the 6th and others

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 that the net proceeds
 3 from such activity shall be used solely for educational programs and educational purposes;
 4 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 5 purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for the operation and regulation of
 11 pari-mutuel wagering in this state on horse racing by or on behalf of the state and for any
 12 matters relating to such activities. The General Assembly may provide for pilot projects
 13 encompassing such purposes in any county in which an international horse park used in
 14 Olympic Games competition is in operation prior to January 1, 2013. Net revenues and
 15 proceeds derived from such activities after payment of all necessary operating expenses
 16 and purses and cash prizes shall be used for educational programs and purposes as
 17 hereinafter provided. Such revenues and proceeds shall not be subject to Article III,
 18 Section IX, Paragraph IV(c); Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII,
 19 Section III, Paragraph II, unless the General Assembly so provides by law. Such net
 20 revenues and proceeds shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified
 21 by the Governor in the annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate
 22 budget category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering Proceeds,' and the Governor shall make
 23 specific recommendations as to the educational programs and educational purposes for
 24 which such net revenues and proceeds shall be appropriated. The educational programs
 25 and educational purposes for which such net revenues and proceeds may be so appropriated
 26 shall include only the following:

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 of the University System
 30 of Georgia, or to attend institutions operated under the authority of the Technical College
 31 System of Georgia;

32 (2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten;

33 (3) One or more educational shortfall reserves in a total amount of not less than 10
 34 percent of the net proceeds of pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing for the preceding
 35 fiscal year;

36 (4) Costs of providing to teachers at accredited public institutions who teach levels
 37 K-12, personnel at public postsecondary technical institutes under the authority of the
 38 Technical College System of Georgia, and professors and instructors within the
 39 University System of Georgia the necessary training in the use and application of
 40 computers and advanced electronic instructional technology to implement interactive
 41 learning environments in the classroom and to access the state-wide distance learning
 42 network; and

43 (5) Capital outlay projects for educational facilities;
 44 provided, however, that no funds shall be appropriated for the items listed in subparagraphs
 45 (e)(4) and (e)(5) of this Paragraph until all persons eligible for and applying for assistance
 46 as provided in subparagraph (e)(1) of this Paragraph have received such assistance, all
 47 approved pre-kindergarten programs provided for in subparagraph (e)(2) of this Paragraph
 48 have been fully funded, and the education shortfall reserve or reserves provided for in
 49 subparagraph (e)(3) of this Paragraph have been fully funded."

50 SECTION 2.

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

54 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 55 Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in Georgia on horse
 56 () NO racing?"

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

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