

Senate Resolution 1054

By: Senators Crane of the 28th, McKoon of the 29th, Hill of the 4th, Carter of the 1st, Loudermilk of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for
 2 prioritized funding requirements regarding certain supplementary appropriations Acts; to
 3 provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for the authority of the
 4 General Assembly with respect to the foregoing; to provide a short title; to provide for
 5 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Government Fiscal Responsibility
 9 Amendment."

10 SECTION 2.

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

13 "Paragraph V-A. *Supplementary appropriations Act requirements.* (a) On or after
 14 January 1, 2013, any supplementary appropriations Act under this section which amends
 15 the General Appropriations Act for the current fiscal year by appropriating revenues in
 16 excess of the revenues appropriated in such General Appropriations Act shall first
 17 appropriate such funds to fund the revenue shortfall reserve until such reserve equals 15
 18 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue. Any revenues in excess of such amount
 19 may be appropriated as provided by this Constitution and by law.

20 (b) The General Assembly shall be authorized to appropriate revenues in a
 21 supplementary appropriations Act which amends the General Appropriations Act for the
 22 current fiscal year by appropriating revenues in excess of the revenues appropriated in such
 23 General Appropriations Act without being subject to the requirements of subparagraph (a)
 24 of this Paragraph, but only after the adoption of a joint resolution of the General Assembly
 25 by a three-fifths' vote of both houses of the General Assembly voting in a roll-call vote.

26 Such joint resolution shall state the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate those
27 revenues without being subject to the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.
28 (c) The General Assembly shall enact any legislation necessary to implement and enforce
29 the provisions of this Paragraph."

30 **SECTION 3.**

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

34 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for
35 limitations on the expenditure of excess revenues and budget surpluses by
36 () NO providing for prioritized funding requirements to fund the revenue shortfall
37 reserve?"

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