

House Resolution 977 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

By: Representatives Golick of the 34th, Willard of the 49th, Lindsey of the 54th, Abrams of the 84th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by law for dedication of certain existing fees and assessments for the purpose of
 3 funding legal services for indigent persons accused of crimes and delinquent acts; to provide
 4 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 8 subparagraph (o) to read as follows:

9 "(o) The General Assembly may provide by general law that certain existing fees and
 10 assessments be dedicated for the purpose of funding legal services for indigent persons
 11 accused of crimes and delinquent acts. Revenues dedicated pursuant to this subparagraph
 12 shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or of Article
 13 VII, Section III, Paragraph II."

14 SECTION 2.

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

18 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 19 Assembly to provide by law that certain EXISTING fees and assessments be
 20 () NO dedicated for funding legal services for indigent persons accused of crimes and
 21 delinquent acts in compliance with the United States Constitution?"

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

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