

House Resolution 108

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that where local, state, or
 2 federal law requires elections for public office or public votes on initiatives or referendums,
 3 or requires designations or authorizations of employee representation, the right of individuals
 4 to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed; to provide for the submission of this amendment
 5 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article I, Section I of the Constitution is amended by redesignating Paragraph XXIX as
 9 Paragraph XXX and by adding a new Paragraph XXIX to read as follows:

10 "Paragraph XXIX. *Right of secret ballot.* The right of individuals to vote by secret ballot
 11 is fundamental. Where local, state, or federal law requires elections for public office or
 12 public votes on initiatives or referendums, or requires designations or authorizations of
 13 employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be
 14 guaranteed."

15 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that where
 20 local, state, or federal law requires elections for public office or public votes
 21 () NO on initiatives or referendums, or requires designations or authorizations of
 22 employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot
 23 shall be guaranteed?"

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

25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

26 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
27 become a part of the Constitution of this state.