

Senate Resolution 217

By: Senator Thompson of the 5th

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 for related matters; to
 3 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 4 purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

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

9 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for the operation and regulation of
 10 pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and casino gambling in this state by or on behalf of
 11 the state only and for any matters relating to such activities. The General Assembly shall
 12 provide for the dedication of the net revenues and proceeds derived from such activities
 13 after payment of all necessary operating expenses and distributions, purses, and cash prizes
 14 to the specific purposes set forth in this subparagraph. Such net revenues and proceeds
 15 shall not be subject to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c); Article III, Section IX,
 16 Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II, except that the net revenues and
 17 proceeds after payment of all necessary operating expenses and distributions, purses, and
 18 cash prizes shall be subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II. Such net revenues and
 19 proceeds shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified by the
 20 Governor in the annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate budget
 21 category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering and Casino Gambling Proceeds,' and the Governor
 22 shall make specific recommendations regarding the appropriation of such net revenues and
 23 proceeds. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant,
 24 nonpari-mutuel wagering and casino gaming resources for:

25 (1) Tuition scholarships, grants, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such citizens
 26 to attend colleges and universities located within this state, regardless of whether such
 27 colleges or universities are operated by the Board of Regents of the University System

28 of Georgia, or to attend institutions operated under the authority of the Technical College
 29 System of Georgia; and
 30 (2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten.
 31 The General Assembly shall appropriate all such net revenues and proceeds in accordance
 32 with law."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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

37 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 38 Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and
 39 () NO casino gambling in this state and for the use of the net revenues and
 40 proceeds only for the purposes of funding higher education tuition
 41 scholarships, grants, or loans and voluntary pre-kindergarten programs?"

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