By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Dugan of the 30th, Williams of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit the levy of state ad valorem

2 taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for

3 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
5	SECTION 1.
6	Article VII, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph
7	(a) as follows:
8	"(a)(1) The On or after January 1, 2016, the state shall not impose an annual levy of
9	state ad valorem taxes on tangible property for all purposes, except for defending the state
10	in an emergency, shall not exceed one-fourth mill on each dollar of the assessed value of
11	the property.
12	(2) Solely for purposes of any general law in effect on January 1, 2016, which
13	distributes intangible tax revenues to the state based upon a proportion that the state
14	millage rate and millage rates of local tax jurisdictions bear to the total millage rate levied
15	for all purposes, the state millage rate shall equal one-fourth mill on each dollar of
16	assessed value.
17	(3) The prohibition of this subparagraph (a) shall not affect state:
18	(A) Assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes on public utilities, railroad
19	companies, and airlines on behalf of local governments; or
20	(B) Administrative functions with respect to local ad valorem taxation pursuant to
21	any general law.
22	(4) Tax, penalty, and interest liabilities and refund eligibility for prior taxable years
23	shall not be affected by this Paragraph and shall continue to be governed by the
24	provisions of general law as it existed immediately prior to January 1, 2016.
25	(5) This Paragraph shall not abate any prosecution, punishment, penalty, administrative
26	proceedings or remedies, or civil action related to any violation of law committed prior
27	to January 1, 2016.

- (6) The state shall continue to assure that all taxation is uniform upon the same class
 of subjects across all taxing jurisdictions of the state."
- 30 **SECTION 2.** 31 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the 32 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following: 33 34 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended, effective January 1, 2016, 35 () NO so as to prohibit state ad valorem taxes?" All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." 36 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If 37 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall 38
- 39 become effective and become a part of the Constitution of this state.