

House Resolution 1864

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to limit the rate of growth in the state  
 2 budget, with such limitation based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index and population  
 3 growth; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for  
 4 other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

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

9 "(e) The General Assembly shall not appropriate state funds for any given fiscal year  
 10 which, in the aggregate, exceed the aggregate amount of state funds appropriated for the  
 11 immediately preceding fiscal year plus a percentage increase in such appropriation over the  
 12 appropriation for the immediately preceding fiscal year which does not exceed the  
 13 percentage increase in gross state product for the most recently available year over the  
 14 gross state product for the immediately preceding year. For purposes of this subparagraph,  
 15 the percentage increase in gross state product shall be determined by the Consumer Price  
 16 Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of  
 17 Labor plus the annual percentage increase in the total population of this state according to  
 18 the United States Bureau of the Census. Should the gross state product decline, this  
 19 subparagraph shall not require aggregate appropriated state funds to be reduced. The  
 20 General Assembly may exceed the limitation of this subparagraph if the Act appropriating  
 21 such funds is approved by a two-thirds' vote of both houses of the General Assembly."

### 22 SECTION 2.

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

26    " YES    Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to limit the rate of  
27        NO    growth in the state budget, with such limitation based upon changes in the  
28                    Consumer Price Index and population growth?"

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