Senate Resolution 6 - Prefile
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A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the legalization and regulation of marijuana; to permit persons 21 years of age or older to purchase limited amounts of marijuana for personal use; to provide that the fees and tax proceeds from the sale of such marijuana be dedicated equally between education and transportation infrastructure purposes; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"(o) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the legalization and regulation of the production and sale of marijuana for personal use by individuals 21 years of age or older and for any matters relating to the purposes or provisions of this subparagraph. Proceeds derived from fees and taxation of the production and sale of marijuana shall be used to pay for the operating expenses of the state's regulation and administration of such production and sale of marijuana. Net proceeds after payment of such operating expenses shall be separately accounted for and shall be specifically identified by the Governor in the annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Marijuana Proceeds,' and the Governor shall make specific recommendations as to the educational programs and purposes and capital outlay projects for transportation infrastructure purposes to which such net proceeds shall be equally appropriated. In the General Appropriations Act adopted by the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall appropriate all net proceeds of the marijuana fees and taxes by such separate budget category to support improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and capital outlay projects for transportation infrastructure purposes. Such net proceeds shall be used equally to support improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and to
support improvements for capital outlay projects for transportation infrastructure purposes; and such net proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, nonmarijuana resources for educational programs and purposes and for capital outlay projects for transportation infrastructure purposes. Such appropriated amount shall not lapse as required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c)."

SECTION 2.

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 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the legalization and regulation of the production and sale of marijuana for personal use by individuals 21 years of age or older and may further provide that the taxes from such production and sale shall be appropriated equally between educational programs and capital outlay projects for transportation infrastructure purposes within this state?"

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