

Senate Resolution 7 - Prefile

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly by
 2 general law may impose additional penalties or fees for the offenses of prostitution, keeping
 3 a place of prostitution, pimping, pandering, pandering by compulsion, solicitation of sodomy,
 4 masturbation for hire, trafficking of persons for sexual servitude, sexual exploitation of
 5 children, and sodomy and may provide for the allocation of such additional penalties or fees
 6 to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund, as provided by law, for the purpose
 7 of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to citizens of this state who have been
 8 sexually exploited; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for related matters;
 9 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 10 purposes.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 SECTION 1.

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

15 "(o) The General Assembly may provide by general law for additional penalties or fees
 16 in any case in any court in this state in which a person is adjudged guilty of prostitution,
 17 keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, pandering, pandering by compulsion, solicitation
 18 of sodomy, masturbation for hire, trafficking of persons for sexual servitude, sexual
 19 exploitation of children, or sodomy; and such appropriated amount shall not lapse as
 20 required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) and shall not be subject to the
 21 limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. The General Assembly may provide by
 22 general law for the allocation of such additional penalties or fees to the Safe Harbor for
 23 Sexually Exploited Children Fund for the specified purpose of meeting any and all costs,
 24 or any portion of the costs, of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to
 25 citizens of this state who have been sexually exploited. The General Assembly may
 26 provide by general law for the administration of such fund by such authority as the General
 27 Assembly shall determine."

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SECTION 2.

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

32 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow additional fees for
33 criminal cases in which a person is adjudged guilty of prostitution, keeping
34 a place of prostitution, pimping, pandering, pandering by compulsion,
35 solicitation of sodomy, masturbation for hire, trafficking of persons for
36 () NO sexual servitude, sexual exploitation of children, or sodomy to fund the Safe
37 Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund to pay for care and
38 rehabilitative and social services for Georgia citizens who have been
39 sexually exploited?"

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

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