

Senate Resolution 135

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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 in this state on horse racing and for any matters relating to such
 11 activities. Pari-mutuel wagering shall be exempt from sales and use taxes. The General
 12 Assembly may provide by law for a portion of the proceeds derived from pari-mutuel
 13 wagering activities to be distributed to organizations and educational institutions in this
 14 state for the development and support of the equine industry in this state. The General
 15 Assembly shall provide for the dedication of the net revenues and proceeds derived from
 16 such activities after payment of all necessary operating expenses and distributions, purses,
 17 and cash prizes to one or more of the specific purposes set forth in this subparagraph. Such
 18 net revenues and proceeds shall not be subject to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c);
 19 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II, except
 20 that the net revenues and proceeds after payment of all necessary operating expenses and
 21 distributions, purses, and cash prizes shall be subject to Article VII, Section III,
 22 Paragraph II. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be accounted for separately and shall
 23 be specifically identified by the Governor in the annual budget presented to the General
 24 Assembly as a separate budget category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering Proceeds,' and the
 25 Governor shall make specific recommendations as to the programs for which such net
 26 revenues and proceeds shall be appropriated. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be used

27 to supplement, not supplant, nonpari-mutuel wagering resources for the following
 28 programs and purposes:

29 (1) Need based scholarships, grants, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such
 30 citizens to attend units of the University System of Georgia, branches of the Technical
 31 College System of Georgia, or eligible private colleges and universities; and

32 (2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten.

33 The General Assembly shall appropriate all such net revenues and proceeds in accordance
 34 with law."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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

39 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 40 () NO Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in Georgia on horse
 41 racing?"

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.