

## House Resolution 4

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Brockway of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize any municipality in the State  
 2 of Georgia to establish by local law an independent school system; to provide definitions; to  
 3 provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification  
 4 or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

## 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VIII, Section V of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

8 "Paragraph I. *School systems continued; consolidation of school systems authorized;*  
 9 *new independent school systems ~~prohibited~~ permitted.* (a) Authority is granted to  
 10 county, municipal, and area boards of education to establish and maintain public schools  
 11 within their limits; provided, however, that the authority provided for in this Paragraph  
 12 shall not diminish any authority of the General Assembly otherwise granted under this  
 13 article, including the authority to establish special schools as provided for in Article VIII,  
 14 Section V, Paragraph VII.

15 (b) As used in this Paragraph, the term:

16 (1) 'County school system' means a school system operated under the control and  
 17 management of a county board of education; and

18 (2) 'Independent school system' means a school system operated under the control and  
 19 management of a board of education of a municipality or other political subdivision of  
 20 this state other than a county school district.

21 (c) Existing county and independent school systems shall be continued, except that the  
 22 General Assembly may provide by law for the consolidation of two or more county school  
 23 systems, independent school systems, portions thereof, or any combination thereof into a  
 24 single county, municipal, or area school system under the control and management of a  
 25 county, municipal, or area board of education, under such terms and conditions as the  
 26 General Assembly may prescribe; but no such consolidation shall become effective until  
 27 approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon in each separate school

28 system proposed to be consolidated. ~~No independent school system shall hereafter be~~  
29 ~~established."~~

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**SECTION 2.**

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

34 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow any municipality to  
35 ( ) NO establish an independent school system by local law?"

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

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