

House Resolution 224

By: Representative Stover of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the members of the State
2 Board of Education are elected; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission
3 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

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

7 "Paragraph I. *State Board of Education.* (a) There shall be a State Board of Education
8 which shall consist of one member from each congressional district in ~~the~~ this state
9 ~~appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Governor shall not be a~~
10 ~~member of said board. The ten members in office on June 30, 1983, shall serve out the~~
11 ~~remainder of their respective terms. As each term of office expires, the Governor shall~~
12 ~~appoint a successor as herein provided. The terms of office of all members appointed after~~
13 ~~the effective date of this Constitution shall be for seven years. Members shall serve until~~
14 ~~their successors are appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the board by~~
15 ~~death, resignation, removal, or any reason other than expiration of a member's term, the~~
16 ~~Governor shall fill such vacancy; and the person so appointed shall serve until confirmed~~
17 ~~by the Senate and, upon confirmation, shall serve for the unexpired term of office~~ who shall
18 be elected by the qualified electors of his or her district. The members of the State Board
19 of Education in office on January 1, 2017, and any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall
20 serve until December 31, 2018. Thereafter, all succeeding terms of members shall be for
21 four years, except that the General Assembly may provide by general law for shorter initial
22 terms to establish staggered terms of office. Such members shall serve until their
23 successors are elected and qualified. A chairperson shall be elected by the board from
24 among its members.

25 (b) The State Board of Education shall have such powers and duties as provided by law.

26 (c) The State Board of Education may accept bequests, donations, grants, and transfers
27 of land, buildings, and other property for the use of the state educational system.

28 (d) The qualifications, compensation, and removal from office of the members of the
29 board of education shall be as provided by law. The procedure for the election of members
30 and for filling vacancies on the board shall be as provided by law."

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SECTION 2.

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

35 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
36 () NO members of the State Board of Education shall be elected?"

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

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