

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HR 394:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for
 2 distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a
 3 county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county;
 4 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 5 purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by revising
 9 subparagraph (g) as follows:

10 "(g) The net proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the school system or systems in
 11 which the tax is collected; provided, however, that if such a tax is simultaneously collected
 12 by a county school system and one or more participating independent school systems
 13 within such county, then the net proceeds of the tax shall be distributed between the county
 14 school ~~district~~ system and the participating independent school districts system or systems,
 15 or portion thereof, located in such county according to an agreement between the county
 16 school system and the independent school system or systems or, if no agreement can be
 17 reached, according to the ratio the student enrollment in each school ~~district~~ system, or
 18 portion thereof, bears to the total student enrollment of all school ~~districts~~ systems in the
 19 county ~~or upon such other formula for distribution as may be authorized by local law.~~ For
 20 purposes of this subparagraph, student enrollment shall be based on the latest FTE full-time
 21 equivalent count prior to the referendum on imposing the tax."

22 SECTION 2.

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

26 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to assure that the sales
27 and use tax for education is distributed fairly on a per student basis among
28 NO all the school systems within a county unless an agreement is reached
29 among such school systems for a different distribution?"

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

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