

Senate Resolution 683

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Crane of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to prohibit the
2 General Assembly from adopting a conference committee report unless such report has been
3 publicly available overnight; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or
4 rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

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

8 "Paragraph V. *Majority of members to pass bill; consideration of conference committee*
9 *reports.* (a) No bill shall become law unless it shall receive a majority of the votes of all
10 the members to which each house is entitled, and such vote shall so appear on the journal
11 of each house.

12 (b) No vote to adopt a report of a conference committee of the General Assembly which
13 would have the effect of final passage of a bill or resolution shall be taken or shall be of
14 any force or effect by either house of the General Assembly unless such report shall have
15 been made available electronically to the public on the website of the General Assembly
16 by not later than 10:00 P.M. of the day prior to such vote."

17 SECTION 2.

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

21 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to prohibit the General
22 Assembly from adopting a conference committee report unless such report
23 () NO has been publicly available overnight?"

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

25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

26 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
27 become a part of the Constitution of this state.