

Senate Resolution 715

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to prohibit a
 2 candidate for public office from being designated on a ballot as the incumbent unless such
 3 person has been elected, qualified, and served a full term for such office; to provide for an
 4 effective date; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and
 5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article V, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(c) Beginning January 1, 2018, a person appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy of
 11 any unexpired term of a public office shall not be designated on any ballot as the
 12 incumbent for such office until such person has been elected, qualified, and served a full
 13 term for such office."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to prohibit a candidate
 19 () NO for public office from being designated on a ballot as the incumbent unless
 20 such person has been elected to and served a full term for such office?"

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

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