

Senate Resolution 716

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

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, bill, or resolution unless
3 such report, bill, or resolution has been publicly available for a certain number of hours; to
4 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 III, Section V of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph V as follows:

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

13 (b) No vote to adopt a report of a conference committee of the General Assembly, bill,
14 or resolution which would have the effect of final passage of a bill or resolution shall be
15 taken or shall be of any force or effect by either house of the General Assembly unless such
16 report, bill, or resolution shall have been made available electronically to the public on the
17 website of the General Assembly for 48 hours prior to such vote."

18 SECTION 2.

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

22 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to prohibit the General
23 () NO Assembly from adopting a conference committee report, bill, or resolution
24 unless such report, bill, or resolution has been publicly available for 48
25 hours?"

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

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

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