

Senate Resolution 724

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Millar of the 40th, Hill of the 32nd, Williams of the 19th, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may  
 2 provide by law for the creation of townships for the limited purposes of exercising the power  
 3 of zoning and the regulation of land use and development within the boundaries of such  
 4 townships and provide for the funding and operation of such townships; to provide for the  
 5 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 7 SECTION 1.

8 Article IX, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph IV as follows:  
 9 "Paragraph IV. *Planning and zoning.* The governing authority of each county and of  
 10 each municipality may adopt plans and may exercise the power of zoning. This  
 11 authorization shall not prohibit the General Assembly from enacting general laws  
 12 establishing procedures for the exercise of such power. In addition, the General Assembly  
 13 may by law create townships for the limited purpose of exercising the power of zoning and  
 14 the regulation of land use and development within the boundaries of such townships and  
 15 provide for the funding and operation of such townships."

### 16 SECTION 2.

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

20 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the  
 21 ( ) NO General Assembly by law to create townships for the limited purpose of  
 22 exercising the power of zoning and the regulation of land use and  
 23 development within the boundaries of such townships and provide for the  
 24 funding and operation of such townships?"

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

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

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