

Senate Resolution 388

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States
2 Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by
3 allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly,
4 for the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph VII as follows:

9 "Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* Except as permitted or required by the
10 United States Constitution, as amended, no ~~No~~ money shall ever be taken from the public
11 treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious denomination
12 or of any sectarian institution. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to create a basis
13 for establishing a voucher program in this state for public education purposes or to prohibit
14 the continuation or creation of a voucher program in this state for public education
15 purposes."

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 in a manner consistent with
21 () NO the United States Constitution so as to prevent discrimination in the public
22 funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations
23 to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such
24 services?"

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.