

Senate Resolution 73

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Lucas of the 26th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create the Family Medical Leave Fund;
2 to authorize the dedication of certain revenues to be deposited into such fund; to provide for
3 the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
7 subparagraph to read as follows:

8 "(p) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the creation and
9 administration of a Family Medical Leave Fund as a trust fund from which funds shall be
10 disbursed to provide a program for individuals who need to take leave from work due to
11 their own sickness or nonwork related injury, the sickness or injury of a family member,
12 or the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a new child. As authorized by general
13 law, revenues raised for purposes of the fund may be paid into and disbursed from the fund
14 without being subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or Article
15 VII, Section III, Paragraph II. The fund shall be administered by the Georgia Department
16 of Labor. The General Assembly may provide by law for all matters necessary or
17 appropriate for the implementation of the purpose or provisions of this subparagraph."

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 strengthen families and
23 () NO support a healthy workforce by instituting paid medical leave for workers
24 to care for themselves and their families?"

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.