

The Senate Committee on Appropriations offered the following substitute to HR 238:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by general law for an annual allocation of up to half of the revenue derived from the
 3 state sales and use tax with respect to goods and services collected by sporting goods stores
 4 a trust fund to be used for the protection and preservation of conservation land; to provide
 5 for sunset provisions in authorized general laws; to provide for related matters; to provide
 6 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:
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11 "(p) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law that up to half of all
 12 moneys received by the state from the levy of a tax on the sale and use of goods and
 13 services, as defined by general law, collected by establishments classified under the 2007
 14 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores, in the
 15 immediately preceding fiscal year will be paid into and dedicated to the Georgia Outdoor
 16 Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of protecting and preserving conservation land, as
 17 more specifically provided for by general law. Any general law adopted pursuant to this
 18 Paragraph shall provide for automatic repeal not more than ten years after its effective date,
 19 provided that such repeal date may be extended for a maximum of ten additional years.
 20 The revenues dedicated pursuant to this subparagraph shall not lapse, the provisions of
 21 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) to the contrary notwithstanding, and such revenues
 22 shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or Article VII,
 23 Section III, Paragraph II(a)."

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SECTION 2.

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

- "() YES Without increasing the current state sales tax rate, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, up to half of the existing sales tax collected by sporting goods stores to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"

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