

House Resolution 380

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by law for sports betting; to provide for the disposition of licensing and taxation
 3 revenues from such activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission
 4 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 8 subparagraph to read as follows:

9 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for the operation and regulation of sports
 10 betting. The General Assembly may by law provide for the operation, location, and
 11 regulation of betting facilities; establish a licensing framework for such facilities; limit the
 12 total number of such facilities within this state in its discretion; and otherwise provide for
 13 any other matters relating to the purposes or provisions of this subparagraph.
 14 Notwithstanding the contents of this subparagraph, all other forms of gambling shall
 15 remain prohibited in this state, and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws. The
 16 General Assembly's limitation and regulation of sports betting at licensed betting facilities
 17 in this state shall not be subject to Article III, Section VI, Paragraph V(c) of this
 18 Constitution. The General Assembly shall provide by law that the revenues and proceeds
 19 derived from the licensing, regulation, and taxation of sports betting at licensed betting
 20 facilities in this state shall be used for educational programs and purposes as provided in
 21 subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. The revenues and proceeds derived from the licensing,
 22 regulation, and taxation of sports betting at licensed betting facilities in this state shall not
 23 be subject to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c); Article III, Section IX,
 24 Paragraph VI(a); or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution. Such
 25 revenues and proceeds shall be accounted for and appropriated as is provided for lottery
 26 proceeds in subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. Revenues and proceeds dedicated to
 27 authorized purposes under this subparagraph shall be used to supplement, not supplant,

28 nonsports betting resources for such educational purposes. Revenues and proceeds
29 dedicated to funding the operational expenses of the state's designated regulatory body for
30 sports betting may be appropriated as provided by law by the General Assembly."

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SECTION 2.

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

35 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize sports
36 () NO betting in the State of Georgia?"

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

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