

House Resolution 173

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
2 provide by general law for authorization of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Outdoor
3 Stewardship Fund to issue revenue bonds; to provide for the submission of this amendment
4 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by revising
8 subparagraph (q) as follows:

9 "(q)(1) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law that up to 80
10 percent of all moneys received by the state from the levy of a tax on the sale and use of
11 goods and services, as defined by general law, collected by establishments classified under
12 the 2007 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores, in
13 the immediately preceding fiscal year will be paid into and dedicated to the Georgia
14 Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of protecting and preserving conservation
15 land, as more specifically provided for by general law. Any general law adopted pursuant
16 to this Paragraph shall provide for automatic repeal not more than ten years after its
17 effective date, provided that such repeal date may be extended for a maximum of ten
18 additional years. The revenues dedicated pursuant to this subparagraph shall not lapse, the

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19 provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) to the contrary notwithstanding, and
20 such revenues shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph
21 or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a).

22 (2) Any Board of Trustees of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund created by
23 general law may issue revenue bonds as provided by general law. The obligation
24 represented by revenue bonds shall be repayable only out of the revenue derived by any
25 such board and shall not be deemed to be a debt of the State of Georgia."

26 **SECTION 2.**

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

30 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
31 () NO Assembly to provide by general law for authorization of the Board of
32 Trustees of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Fund to issue revenue
33 bonds?"

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

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