

House Resolution 496

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the qualifications, duties,
 2 and salary of the school superintendent shall be established by the board of education as
 3 provided by general law and to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law that local
 4 school superintendents shall be elected by voters as an alternative to being appointed by local
 5 boards of education, if approved by local referendum; to provide for the submission of this
 6 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Section V of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph III as follows:

10 "Paragraph III. *School superintendents.* There shall be a school superintendent of each
 11 system ~~appointed by the board of education~~ who shall be the executive officer of the board
 12 of education and shall have such qualifications, powers, and duties as provided by general
 13 law. ~~Any elected school superintendent in office on January 1, 1993, shall continue to~~
 14 ~~serve out the remainder of his or her respective term of office and shall be replaced by an~~
 15 ~~appointee of the board of education at the expiration of such term.~~ The qualifications,
 16 duties, and salary of the school superintendent shall be established by the board of
 17 education as provided by general law. The school superintendent of each system shall be

18 appointed by the board of education; provided, however, that the General Assembly may
19 provide by local law, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the local
20 school system voting in a referendum thereon, for the election of the school superintendent
21 of any school system by the voters residing in the territory embraced by the school system
22 and for the qualifications of superintendents in such cases."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
28 () NO qualifications, duties, and salary of the school superintendent shall be
29 established by the board of education as provided by general law and to
30 authorize the General Assembly to provide by law that local school
31 superintendents shall be elected by voters as an alternative to being
32 appointed by local boards of education, if approved by a local referendum?"

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

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