

The Senate Committee on Appropriations offered the following substitute to HR 302:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise the disposition of excess,
 2 changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide that funds
 3 received from certain legal judgments or settlements be paid into the general fund of the state
 4 treasury; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
 5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising
 9 subparagraph (b) as follows:

10 "(b)(1) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate those state and federal funds
 11 necessary to operate all the various departments and agencies.

12 (2) To the extent that federal funds received by the state for any program, project,
 13 activity, purpose, or expenditure are changed by federal authority or exceed the amount
 14 or amounts appropriated in the general appropriations Act or supplementary ~~appropriation~~
 15 appropriations Act or Acts, or are not anticipated, such excess, changed, or unanticipated
 16 federal funds in excess of \$75 million shall be continually appropriated by the General
 17 Assembly through one or more methods or manners that shall be prescribed by general

18 law or held in the state treasury to be appropriated by the General Assembly through the
19 general appropriations Act or supplementary appropriations Act or Acts. are hereby
20 continually appropriated for the purposes authorized and directed by the federal
21 government in making the grant. In those instances where the conditions under which
22 the federal funds have been made available do not provide otherwise, federal funds shall
23 first be used to replace state funds that were appropriated to supplant federal funds in the
24 same state fiscal year.

25 (3) The fiscal year of the state shall commence on the first day of July of each year and
26 terminate on the thirtieth of June following."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising
29 subparagraph (a) as follows:

30 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all revenue collected from taxes,
31 fees, and assessments for state purposes, as authorized by revenue measures enacted by the
32 General Assembly, as well as all moneys and funds derived from any legal judgments
33 awarded to the state on or after January 1, 2025, and any legal settlements entered into by
34 the state or otherwise authorized by the state on or after January 1, 2025, shall be paid into
35 the general fund of the state treasury."

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37 **SECTION 3.**

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

41 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to provide for the
42 NO appropriation of unanticipated changes to federal funding and to ensure that
43 all proceeds from legal judgments or settlements are paid into the general
44 fund of the state treasury?"

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