

## House Resolution 129

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to  
2 provide for the net proceeds of one or more lottery games to support economic development  
3 purposes and programs to provide for direct loans to small businesses located in Georgia; to  
4 provide for authorized purposes; to provide for appropriations; to provide for the submission  
5 of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

## SECTION 1.

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

10 "(e) The General Assembly may by law provide for the net proceeds of one or more  
11 games operated within a lottery, authorized by subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, to be  
12 used for economic development purposes and programs to provide for direct loans to small  
13 businesses located in Georgia which are independently owned and operated by Georgia  
14 residents. The net proceeds of such games shall be accounted for separately and shall be  
15 appropriated for such economic development purposes and programs in the same manner  
16 provided for educational purposes and programs in subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph."

**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 Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide for one or more games operated by the state lottery to support economic development and fund loan programs for small businesses located in Georgia which are independently owned and operated by Georgia residents?"

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.