

House Resolution 14EX

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Draper of the 90th, Cannon of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to prohibit
 2 mid-decade reapportionment or redistricting of congressional and legislative districts; to
 3 authorize limited remedial plans in the event of a court finding defects in such districts; to
 4 provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification
 5 or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article III, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph II as follows:

9 "Paragraph II. *Apportionment of General Assembly.* ~~The General Assembly shall~~
 10 ~~apportion the Senate and House districts. Such districts shall be composed of contiguous~~
 11 ~~territory. The apportionment of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall be~~
 12 ~~changed by the General Assembly as necessary after each United States decennial census.~~
 13 The General Assembly, at the first regular session convening after the return of every
 14 decennial census of population taken by order of Congress, shall apportion districts for the
 15 Senate, the House of Representatives and Georgia's delegation to the United States House
 16 of Representatives, and any other state office elected by district. Such districts shall be
 17 composed of contiguous territory. Once established, such districts shall remain unaltered

18 until the return of the next subsequent decennial census of population taken by order of
19 Congress; provided, however, that, if a court of competent jurisdiction finds that one or
20 more such districts violates this Constitution, or the Constitution of the United States or
21 federal law, the General Assembly shall have the limited authority to remedy the defects
22 specifically identified by such court, but otherwise such apportionment or district plan shall
23 remain unaltered for the time provided for in this Paragraph."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

28 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to prohibit mid-decade
29 () NO reapportionment or redistricting of legislative and congressional districts and
30 to provide for limited remedies if a court finds defects?"

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

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