

House Resolution 1138

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, Hogan of the 179th, McGowan of the 138th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the proceeds of excise
 2 taxes on the sale of contact lenses and spectacles for which a prescription is required by law
 3 be dedicated to funding the wage compensation of deputy sheriffs; to provide that such funds
 4 shall not lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this
 5 amendment for 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 VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(p) The proceeds of any excise tax imposed by general law on the sale of contact lenses
 11 and spectacles for which a prescription is required by law in this state shall be dedicated
 12 to funding the wage compensation of deputy sheriffs as provided for by general law. The
 13 General Assembly shall provide by general law for the use, dedication, and deposit of
 14 revenues raised from any such excise tax on contact lenses and spectacles for which a
 15 prescription is required by law. Contributions and revenues deposited for such purposes
 16 shall not lapse and shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this
 17 Paragraph or of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
 23 () NO proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of prescription contact lenses and
 24 prescription spectacles be dedicated to funding the wage compensation of
 25 deputy sheriffs?"

- 26 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
27 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
28 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
29 become a part of the Constitution of this state.