

House Resolution 159

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 32nd, Golick of the 40th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide that increases in tuition or fees at institutions of the University System of Georgia
 3 shall not exceed the rate of inflation; to provide for additional authority, limitations, and
 4 exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for 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 VIII, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(g) The General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by general law that annual
 11 tuition or student fee increases at institutions of the University System of Georgia shall not
 12 exceed the rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the United States
 13 compiled by the United States Department of Labor. In addition, the General Assembly
 14 shall be authorized to provide for exceptions and conditions related to the foregoing,
 15 including the individualized waiver of such limitations on tuition or student fee increases
 16 for a particular academic year by the Senate Higher Education Committee and the
 17 Appropriations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Higher Education."

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 authorize the General
 23 Assembly to prevent increases in tuition or fees at institutions of the
 24 () NO University System of Georgia from exceeding the rate of inflation on an
 25 annual basis?"

- 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.