

House Resolution 1660

By: Representative Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the
 2 county authorities of DeKalb County, upon the request of the Board of Education of DeKalb
 3 County, to be directed to levy, in addition to all other taxes now levied by law, a tax not
 4 exceeding three mills for educational purposes regarding ad valorem property taxes for
 5 education for DeKalb County, subject to certain requirements and conditions; to provide for
 6 a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for the repeal of Ga. L. 1943, p. 20, and
 7 Ga. L. 1977, p. 1606; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or
 8 rejection; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "DeKalb County Tax Liberation
 12 Amendment."

13 SECTION 2.

14 Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 15 subparagraph to read as follows:

16 "(e) The provisions of subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this paragraph and Article XI,
 17 Section I, Paragraph IV to the contrary notwithstanding:

18 (1) Ga. L. 1943, p. 20, and Ga. L. 1977, p. 1606, and any amendments thereto, shall
 19 stand repealed;

20 (2) Upon the request of the Board of Education of DeKalb County, the county authorities
 21 thereof are hereby directed to levy, in addition to all other taxes now levied by law, a tax
 22 not exceeding three mills for educational purposes on all the taxable property throughout
 23 the entire county, including territory embraced in the independent school systems, the
 24 same to be appropriated to the use of the County Board of Education and to the
 25 educational work directed by them;

26 (3) Such tax shall only be levied countywide and the proceeds shall only be available to
 27 the DeKalb County School District, and any independent school districts located in the
 28 county shall be excluded from receipt of such proceeds; and
 29 (4) The DeKalb County School District and any independent school district located
 30 wholly or partially in DeKalb County shall not be required to increase the amount of
 31 funds that must be contributed toward state equalization grants for education, be subject
 32 to any form of penalty or additional requirement, or be in any way treated differently by
 33 law with respect to any provision of this subparagraph."

34 **SECTION 3.**

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

38 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the county
 39 () NO authorities of DeKalb County, upon the request of the Board of Education of
 40 DeKalb County, to be directed to levy, in addition to all other taxes now
 41 levied by law, a tax not exceeding three mills for educational purposes
 42 regarding ad valorem property taxes for education for DeKalb County, subject
 43 to certain requirements and conditions?"

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