

House Resolution 302

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds
2 received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess,
3 changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph II of the Constitution, relating to the preparation,
9 submission, and enactments of general appropriations bill, is amended by revising
10 subparagraph (b) as follows:

11 "(b)(1) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate those state and federal funds
12 necessary to operate all the various departments and agencies. The General Assembly
13 shall appropriate all funds derived from any legal judgements awarded to this state on or
14 after January 1, 2025, and any legal settlements entered into by this state or on its behalf
15 after January 1, 2025.

16 (2) To the extent that federal funds received by the state for any program, project,
17 activity, purpose, or expenditure are changed by federal authority or exceed the amount

18 or amounts appropriated in the general appropriations Act or supplementary appropriation
 19 Act or Acts, or are not anticipated, such excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funds
 20 shall be continually appropriated by the General Assembly through one or more methods
 21 or manners that shall be prescribed by general law or held in the state treasury to be
 22 appropriated by the General Assembly through a supplementary appropriations Act or
 23 Acts. are hereby continually appropriated for the purposes authorized and directed by the
 24 federal government in making the grant. In those instances where the conditions under
 25 which the federal funds have been made available do not provide otherwise, federal funds
 26 shall first be used to replace state funds that were appropriated to supplant federal funds
 27 in the same state fiscal year.

28 (3) The fiscal year of the state shall commence on the first day of July of each year and
 29 terminate on the thirtieth of June following."

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SECTION 2.

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

34 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to revise how the state
 35 () NO handles funds it receives from certain legal judgments or settlements and
 unanticipated changes to federal funding?"

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