

House Resolution 732 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the date by which temporary
 2 loans for counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this state are payable
 3 in full from the end of the calendar year to within 12 months of the initial funding date of the
 4 loans; to provide for related matters; to provide for the 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 IX, Section V, of the Constitution, relating to limitations on local debt, is amended
 9 by revising Paragraph V as follows:

10 "Paragraph V. *Temporary loans authorized.* The governing authority of any county,
 11 municipality, or other political subdivision of this state may incur debt by obtaining
 12 temporary loans in each year to pay expenses. The aggregate amount of all such loans shall
 13 not exceed 75 percent of the total gross income from taxes collected in the last preceding
 14 year. Such loans shall be payable ~~on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which~~
 15 ~~such loan is made~~ in full within 12 months of the initial funding date of the loan. No such
 16 loan may be obtained when there is ~~a loan then unpaid obtained in any prior year~~ an
 17 existing loan authorized pursuant to this paragraph for such county, municipality, or other

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18 political subdivision of this state, which has not been payed in full within 12 months of the
19 initial funding date of such existing loan. No such county, municipality, or other political
20 subdivision of this state shall incur ~~in any one calendar year at any time~~ an aggregate of
21 such temporary loans or other contracts, notes, warrants, or obligations for current expenses
22 in excess of the total anticipated revenue ~~for such calendar year~~ over the immediately
23 following 12 months."

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 to provide that temporary loans
29 () NO for counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this state are
30 payable in full within 12 months rather than by the end of the calendar year?"

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.