

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HR 842:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to restrict the ability of the General
2 Assembly to increase the salary of state Senators and Representatives; to establish a standard
3 salary for state Senators and Representatives equal to one-half of the median household
4 income in Georgia; to provide for determinations of such amount; to authorize salary
5 supplements to be paid to state Senators and Representatives elected to serve as officers in
6 the General Assembly; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide
7 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Article III, Section IV, Paragraph VI of the Constitution, relating to salaries, is amended as
11 follows:

12 "Paragraph VI. *Salaries.*

13 (a) Until June 30, 2023, the ~~The~~ members of the General Assembly shall receive such
14 salary as shall be provided for by law, provided that no increase in salary shall become
15 effective prior to the end of the term during which such change is made. On and after
16 July 1, 2023, the General Assembly shall not increase the salary of any state Senator or
17 Representative unless expressly authorized by subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

18 (b)(1) On and after July 1, 2023, each sitting state Senator and Representative shall
 19 receive an annual salary equal to one-half of the median household income in Georgia as
 20 determined by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor or its successor
 21 agency using the most recently available data. With the exception of any salary change
 22 that occurs on July 1, 2023, the amount of such salary shall only change upon the
 23 beginning of each new term for sitting members of the General Assembly, whereupon it
 24 shall be changed to reflect a revised determination made based upon the most recently
 25 available data.

26 (2) The salary provided for in this subparagraph shall be paid in equal monthly
 27 amounts.

28 (3) The General Assembly may provide by law for sitting state Senators and
 29 Representatives who serve as elected officers of either house to receive salary
 30 supplements for the duration of their service as elected officers. Such salary supplements
 31 may vary in amount based on the duties required of the elective office.

32 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not restrict the ability of the General Assembly
 33 to provide by law for allowances, the reimbursement of expenses, or forms of
 34 compensation other than salary for state Senators and Representatives."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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

39 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to restrict the ability of the
 40 () NO General Assembly to increase the salary of state Senators and Representatives
 41 and establish a standard salary for such individuals equal to one-half of the
 42 median household income in Georgia?"

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