

House Resolution 894

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly shall  
 2 be entitled to specifically appropriate all unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state  
 3 for a fiscal year if the sum of all such funds exceeds \$100 million for a fiscal year; to provide  
 4 for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or  
 5 rejection; and for 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.

13 (2) Except as provided in subparagraph (3) of this subparagraph, to ~~To~~ the extent that  
 14 federal funds received by the state for any program, project, activity, purpose, or  
 15 expenditure are changed by federal authority or exceed the amount or amounts  
 16 appropriated in the general appropriations Act or supplementary appropriation Act or  
 17 Acts, or are not anticipated, such excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funds are

18 hereby continually appropriated for the purposes authorized and directed by the federal  
 19 government in making the grant. In those instances where the conditions under which the  
 20 federal funds have been made available do not provide otherwise, federal funds shall first  
 21 be used to replace state funds that were appropriated to supplant federal funds in the same  
 22 state fiscal year.

23 (3) In the event that the state is allocated unanticipated federal funding for any reason in  
 24 an amount that exceeds \$100 million for a fiscal year, the General Assembly shall be  
 25 entitled to specifically appropriate all or some of such funds through one or more  
 26 methods or manners that shall be prescribed by general law.

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

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

33 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to entitle the General  
 34 Assembly to specifically appropriate all unanticipated federal funding  
 35 ( ) NO allocated to the state for a fiscal year if the sum of all such funds exceeds  
 36 \$100 million for a fiscal year?"

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