

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offers the following substitute to SR 135:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; to provide for related matters; to
 3 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 4 purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 8 subparagraph to read as follows:

9 "(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for the operation of pari-mutuel
 10 wagering in this state on horse racing and for any matters relating to such activities and for
 11 the regulation of pari-mutuel wagering and all such related activities by the Georgia Lottery
 12 Corporation where such activities have been approved by majority vote of the electors of
 13 a county in a referendum held for the purpose of such approval. Pari-mutuel wagering
 14 shall continue to be unlawful within the area of every county and within every municipal
 15 corporation where such activities have not been approved by majority vote of the electors
 16 of such county in a referendum. Pari-mutuel wagering shall be exempt from sales and use
 17 taxes. The General Assembly may provide by law for a portion of the proceeds derived
 18 from pari-mutuel wagering activities to be distributed to organizations and educational
 19 institutions in this state for the development and support of the equine industry in this state.
 20 The General Assembly shall provide for the dedication of the net revenues and proceeds
 21 derived from such activities after payment of all necessary operating expenses and
 22 distributions, purses, and cash prizes to one or more of the specific purposes set forth in
 23 this subparagraph. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be subject to this Paragraph.
 24 Such net revenues and proceeds shall be accounted for separately and shall be specifically
 25 identified by the Governor in the annual budget presented to the General Assembly as a
 26 separate budget category entitled 'Pari-mutuel Wagering Proceeds,' and the Governor shall
 27 make specific recommendations as to the programs for which such net revenues and

28 proceeds shall be appropriated. Such net revenues and proceeds shall be used to
 29 supplement, not supplant, nonpari-mutuel wagering resources for the following programs
 30 and purposes:

31 (1) Need based scholarships, grants, or loans to citizens of this state to enable such
 32 citizens to attend units of the University System of Georgia, branches of the Technical
 33 College System of Georgia, or eligible private colleges and universities; and

34 (2) Voluntary pre-kindergarten.

35 The General Assembly shall appropriate all such net revenues and proceeds in accordance
 36 with law."

37 **SECTION 2.**

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

41 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 42 () NO Assembly to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in Georgia on horse
 43 racing under the authority of the Georgia Lottery Corporation?"

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.