

Senate Resolution 83

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Burke of the 11th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that members of the House of
 2 Representatives shall serve four-year terms of office; to provide that members of the Senate
 3 shall serve six-year terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for the
 4 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph V as follows:

8 "Paragraph V. *Election and term of members.* (a) The members of the General
 9 Assembly shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts for a term
 10 of two years and shall serve until the time fixed for the convening of the next General
 11 Assembly; provided, however, that the members of the House of Representatives elected
 12 in 2024 and thereafter shall serve a term of four years and shall serve until the time fixed
 13 for the convening of the next General Assembly and that the members of the Senate elected
 14 in 2024 and thereafter shall serve a term of six years and shall serve until the time fixed for
 15 the convening of the next General Assembly.

16 ~~(b) The members of the General Assembly in office on June 30, 1983, shall serve out the~~
 17 ~~remainder of the terms to which elected.~~

18 ~~(c)~~(b) The first election for members of the General Assembly under this ~~Constitution~~
 19 Paragraph shall take place on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, ~~1984~~ 2024,
 20 and subsequent elections ~~biennially on that day~~ shall be conducted on the Tuesday after the
 21 first Monday in November of the year immediately preceding the expiration of the
 22 members' respective terms of office until the day of election is changed by law."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that members
 28 NO of the House of Representatives shall serve four-year terms of office and that
 29 members of the Senate shall serve six-year terms of office?"

30 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

31 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 32 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 33 become a part of the Constitution of this state.