

Senate Resolution 970

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Jordan of the 6th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that persons convicted of
 2 felonies shall lose their right to vote only if they are sentenced to incarceration and only
 3 while serving any such sentence of incarceration; to provide for related matters; to provide
 4 for the 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 II, Section I of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph III(a) as follows:

8 "(a) No person who has been convicted of a felony ~~involving moral turpitude~~ and
 9 sentenced to serve a period of incarceration may register, remain registered, or vote except
 10 upon completion of the sentence of incarceration. No disqualification from voting shall be
 11 imposed while serving a period of parole or probation or for any outstanding fines or fees."

12 SECTION 2.

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

16 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that persons
 17 () NO convicted of felonies shall lose their right to vote only if they are sentenced
 18 to incarceration and only while serving any such sentence of incarceration?"

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