

## House Resolution 238

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to  
 2 provide by general law for an annual allocation of 75 percent of the revenue derived from the  
 3 state sales and use tax with respect to the sale of outdoor recreation equipment to a trust fund  
 4 to be used for the protection and preservation of conservation land; to provide for related  
 5 matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for  
 6 other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new  
 10 subparagraph to read as follows:

11 "(p) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for an amount equal  
 12 to 75 percent of all moneys received by the state from the sales and use tax applied to the  
 13 sale of outdoor recreation equipment in the immediately preceding fiscal year to be paid  
 14 into and dedicated to a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of  
 15 protecting and preserving conservation land. The revenues dedicated pursuant to this  
 16 subparagraph shall not lapse, the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) to  
 17 the contrary notwithstanding, and such revenues shall not be subject to the limitations of  
 18 subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a)."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

23     " YES   Without increasing taxes, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so  
24                    as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect lands  
25      NO   that preserve drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes,  
26                    and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitat, and state  
27                    and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families  
28                    to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public  
29                    disclosure, 75% of the existing sales tax on outdoor recreation equipment  
30                    to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"

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

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