

Senate Resolution 18

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the vacancy in the office
2 of Secretary of State upon the Secretary of State qualifying for election to another federal,
3 state, county, or municipal elective office; to provide for the submission of this amendment
4 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article V, Section III of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph V as
8 follows:

9 "Paragraph V. *Vacancy created by Secretary of State qualifying for election.* The office
10 of Secretary of State shall be declared vacant upon the Secretary of State qualifying, in a
11 general primary or general election, or special primary or special election, for any other state,
12 county, or municipal elective office, or qualifying for election to the United States House of
13 Representatives or the United States Senate. The vacancy created in any such office shall
14 be filled as provided by this Constitution or any general law."

15 SECTION 2.

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

19 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the
20 Secretary of State to automatically leave office upon qualifying for election
21 () NO to any other office?"

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