

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HR 1113:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to abolish the existing Judicial
 2 Qualifications Commission; to require the General Assembly to create and provide by
 3 general law for the composition, manner of appointment, and governance of a new Judicial
 4 Qualifications Commission, with such commission having the power to discipline, remove,
 5 and cause involuntary retirement of judges; to require the Judicial Qualifications
 6 Commission to have procedures that provide for due process of law; to provide for Supreme
 7 Court review of Judicial Qualifications Commission advisory opinions and procedures; to
 8 provide for the General Assembly by general law to allow the Judicial Qualifications
 9 Commission to be open to the public in some manner in conducting its business; to provide
 10 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

12 Section VII of Article VI of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph VI as
 13 follows:
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15 "Paragraph VI. *Judicial Qualifications Commission; power; composition.* (a) The
 16 General Assembly shall by general law create and provide for the composition, manner of
 17 appointment, and governance of a Judicial Qualifications Commission, with such
 18 commission having the power to discipline, remove, and cause involuntary retirement of
 19 judges as provided by this Article shall be vested in the Judicial Qualifications
 20 Commission. It shall consist of seven members, as follows:

21 (1) ~~Two judges of any court of record, selected by the Supreme Court;~~

22 (2) ~~Three members of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been active status~~
 23 ~~members of the state bar for at least ten years and who shall be elected by the board of~~
 24 ~~governors of the state bar; and~~

25 (3) ~~Two citizens, neither of whom shall be a member of the state bar, who shall be~~
 26 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

