

House Resolution 486

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Riley of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Dudgeon of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize any municipality created on  
2 or after January 1, 2005, and any municipality which is contiguous to a municipality created  
3 on or after January 1, 2005, irrespective of whether such municipalities may be in different  
4 counties, to establish individually or collectively by local law an independent school system;  
5 to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for  
6 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article VIII, Section V of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph I as follows:

10 "Paragraph I. *School systems continued; consolidation of school systems authorized;*  
11 *new independent school systems prohibited.* Authority is granted to county and area  
12 boards of education to establish and maintain public schools within their limits; provided,  
13 however, that the authority provided for in this paragraph shall not diminish any authority  
14 of the General Assembly otherwise granted under this article, including the authority to  
15 establish special schools as provided for in Article VIII, Section V, Paragraph VII.  
16 Existing county and independent school systems shall be continued, except that the General  
17 Assembly may provide by law for the consolidation of two or more county school systems,  
18 independent school systems, portions thereof, or any combination thereof into a single  
19 county or area school system under the control and management of a county or area board  
20 of education, under such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe; but  
21 no such consolidation shall become effective until approved by a majority of the qualified  
22 voters voting thereon in each separate school system proposed to be consolidated. No  
23 independent school system shall hereafter be established; provided, however, that any  
24 municipality created on or after January 1, 2005, and any municipality which is contiguous  
25 to a municipality created on or after January 1, 2005, irrespective of whether such  
26 municipalities may be in different counties, may establish individually or collectively by  
27 local law an independent school system."

28 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize any  
33 municipality created on or after January 1, 2005, and any municipality  
34 ( ) NO which is contiguous to a municipality created on or after January 1, 2005,  
35 irrespective of whether such municipalities may be in different counties, to  
36 establish individually or collectively by local law an independent school  
system?"

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

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 486**

**WHEREAS,** the 2014 Georgia General Assembly Legislative Session begins on January 13, 2014 to consider important legislative matters of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is concerned with legislative matters at the state level which have an impact on the governmental operations of the City of Dunwoody; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate for the City of Dunwoody to adopt legislative priorities to present to its representatives in the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody has identified a number of important legislative items that may be considered by the state legislature in the upcoming year including opportunities to enhance and improve K-12 Educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** HR 486 is a proposed amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize any municipality created on or after January 1, 2005, and any municipality which is contiguous to a municipality created on or after January 1, 2005, irrespective of whether such municipalities may be in different counties, to establish individually or collectively by local law an independent school system; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejections; and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS,** adoption of HR 486 will empower City officials, staff, and representatives to advocate on the City's behalf, before and to members of the state legislature on such educational values and goals which are most feasible, urgent and/or of the highest importance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014 that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody commit its support of HR 486.

Approved:

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

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**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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ATTEST:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk