

RESOLUTION
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA

Ratifying the proposed fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

FEBRUARY 7, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

A RESOLUTION.

Whereas at the session of the thirty-ninth Congress it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both houses concurring,) that the following article shall be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which amendment, when it shall have been ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the said Constitution, namely :

ARTICLE FOURTEEN.

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens, twenty-one years of age, in such State.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or

judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each house, remove such disability.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave, but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article:

Therefore,

Be it resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution be, and the same is hereby, ratified by the legislature of the State of Georgia.

R. I. McWHORTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JNO. J. NEWTON,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

BENJAMIN CONLEY,
President of the Senate.

J. G. W. MILLS,
Secretary of the Senate.

Approved February 2, 1870.

RUFUS B. BULLOCK,
Governor.

GEORGIA, *Secretary of State's Office :*

I, David G. Cotting, secretary of state of Georgia, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing three pages contain a true copy of the resolution ratifying the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, passed by the general assembly of Georgia, on the 2d day of February, A. D. 1870, the original of which is on file in this office.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of the State, at the capitol, in Atlanta, this the third day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth.

[SEAL.]

DAVID G. COTTING,
Secretary of State.