

From Georgia Laws, 1965 Session; page 766:

"Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia:

"Section 1. Article II of the Constitution, relating to the elective franchise, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new Section to be numbered Section VII and to read as follows:

"Section VII. Paragraph I. Write-in Votes. No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his intention of candidacy was given twenty or more days prior to the election by the person to be a write-in candidate, or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows: In a state general election, to the Secretary of State and by publication in a paper of general circulation in the state; . . . . . The General Assembly may enact other reasonable regulations and require compliance therewith as a condition of eligibility to hold office in this State."

In the General Election of 1962 a similar proposed amendment providing for ten days notice was defeated by a vote of:

FOR 81,935

AGAINST 113,763

as reported on page 845 of Georgia Laws of 1963. The twenty day limitation contained in the currently proposed amendment is obviously worse than the ten day limitation contained in the previously defeated proposal. The ratification of the currently proposed amendment would seriously impair the "safety valve" value of the General Election for righting "debacles" occurring in the Primary Elections or intervening between the same and the following General Election.