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GA GOP district conventions support 'religious freedom' bill

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ATLANTA (AP) - Eleven of 14 of Georgia's Republican district conventions have voted to urge the Legislature to pass Columbus Sen. Josh McKoon's so-called "religious freedom" bill that failed in the 2015 legislative session.

McKoon, a Republican, said Monday that 11 districts passed resolutions of support Saturday for the bill. He says the bill is "narrowly drawn" to reflect the Federal Freedom Restoration Act language, as it passed into law in 1993.

McKoon says "grassroots Republicans sent a loud and clear message" to their elected leaders.

Three districts didn't consider a similar resolution. The district conventions were held ahead of the May 15 state convention in Athens. Delegations ranged in size from 75 to more than 300 and passage was mostly unanimous.

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