

The Senate Rules Committee offered the following substitute to SR 693:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the City of Fort Oglethorpe Charter Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Oglethorpe has undergone many changes recently due to the  
3 suspension of one councilmember and the death of another; and

4 WHEREAS, the city has recently forced the resignation of the city manager and terminated  
5 the chief of police and the public works and recreation director who were long-term city  
6 employees who enjoyed significant public support for their work; and

7 WHEREAS, these acts of the mayor and council have led to the creation of a citizens group  
8 seeking the recall of the mayor and members of the city council; and

9 WHEREAS, these acts have created a great amount of turmoil and consternation among the  
10 citizens of the city; and

11 WHEREAS, many citizens have suggested that these actions by the mayor and council  
12 constitute an abuse of power; and

13 WHEREAS, questions have arisen as to whether these actions are appropriate and whether  
14 the city charter should be revised if the actions are permissible; and

15 WHEREAS, the Senate delegation would benefit from a study of the city charter of the City  
16 of Fort Oglethorpe and the input of citizens of the city on whether the charter needs revision  
17 or amendment to address the current situation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the City  
19 of Fort Oglethorpe Charter Study Committee to be composed of seven members to be  
20 appointed by the Senate delegation representing the City of Fort Oglethorpe. The Senate

21 delegation shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The  
22 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
25 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
29 shall serve without compensation. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings  
30 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
31 made on or before December 31, 2014. The committee shall stand abolished on  
32 December 31, 2014.