

House Resolution 1418

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Use of Local Fees to Support Affordable
2 Housing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, ensuring that citizens of Georgia have access to affordable housing is of vital
4 importance and serves a paramount public purpose; and

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III(8) of the Constitution, local
6 governments have the power to provide public housing services, which may include, without
7 limitation, programs and services designed to increase access to affordable housing; and

8 WHEREAS, establishing affordable housing assistance programs in the state will increase
9 Georgians' access to affordable housing and provide substantial benefit to the state and local
10 governments by alleviating burdens on other state and local programs that provide housing
11 and other essential services to low-income and very low-income persons; and

12 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the State of Georgia to conduct a study to analyze and
13 recommend changes to local fees so as to better support affordable housing initiatives.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on the Use of Local Fees to Support Affordable Housing.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
20 of the committee.

21 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
22 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
23 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

24 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
25 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution; provided, however, that the
28 committee may meet a maximum of five times unless the chairperson, in his or her
29 discretion, determines that additional meetings are necessary.

30 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
31 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
32 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
33 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
34 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
35 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

36 (6) **Report.**

37 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
38 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
39 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
40 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

41 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
42 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report subject to subparagraph (C)
43 of this paragraph.

44 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
45 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
46 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
47 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

48 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
49 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
50 thereof.

51 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.