

House Resolution 1429

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on County Governance; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, with 159 counties, the State of Georgia has more counties than any state other
3 than Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, with this large number of counties, there are many models of county
5 governance, ranging from sole commissioner to county commission to CEO/county
6 commission to consolidated city-county forms of government; and

7 WHEREAS, some of these forms of government appear to work better and be more
8 responsive to the needs of the citizens of the counties than others; and

9 WHEREAS, a study needs to be undertaken to review these and other forms of county
10 governance to ensure that our citizens at the county level are receiving the most efficient,
11 effective, and responsive government and governmental services possible.

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

13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
14 on County Governance.

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

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

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

26 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

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

33 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

48 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.