

House Resolution 1498

By: Representative Rhodes of the 124<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Private Water Systems; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in Georgia, private water systems provide an important resource in conjunction  
3 with public water systems for the provision of water and sewer services throughout this state;  
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, many of Georgia's agricultural, industrial, commercial, and residential sectors  
6 rely on private water systems to provide their literal lifeblood; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the economy of this state depends in no small part upon the services provided  
8 by private water systems; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives should carefully evaluate all aspects of the  
10 operation of private water systems in this state.
- 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:  
12 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the Study Committee on  
13 Private Water Systems.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of eight members as  
15 follows:

16 (A) Representative Trey Rhodes, who shall serve as the chairperson;

17 (B) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (C) The chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs;

19 (D) The chairperson of the House Committee on Natural Resources and the  
20 Environment; and

21 (E) The chairperson of the Public Service Commission.

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

25 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
26 may 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.

29 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

30 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided  
31 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

32 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members,  
33 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee,  
34 but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their  
35 duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for  
36 expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

37 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
38 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
39 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

40 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
41 employees.

42 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
43 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
44 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
45 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the  
46 reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and  
47 state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their  
48 respective agencies.

49 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

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