

House Resolution 1513

By: Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Willard of the 51st, and Beskin of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Civil Rights; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives is aware of complaints from individuals
3 regarding discrimination they face that makes it difficult for them to obtain jobs, participate
4 in society, and pursue liberty and happiness; and

5 WHEREAS, social justice and basic humanitarian principles require those who believe in
6 equality and openness to constantly seek out and uproot invidious discrimination in all forms
7 it may occur; and

8 WHEREAS, it is our moral responsibility to undertake a comprehensive study of the need
9 for civil rights protections for those unfortunate classes of people who still face
10 discrimination in our society today, whether in public accommodations, employment, or
11 otherwise.

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 Civil Rights.

15 (2) **Members and officers.**

16 (A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

17 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the
18 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
19 members as chairperson.

20 (C) The Speaker shall also appoint one representative each from the United States
21 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the United States Small Business
22 Administration; the Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and the Labor and Employment
23 Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia as four additional members of the committee.

24 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of existing laws,
25 conditions, needs, issues, and problems above stated or related thereto and recommend

26 any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary in addressing appropriate
27 responses to these needs.

28 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
29 shall hold at least five meetings and may conduct such meetings at such places and at
30 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
31 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of
32 this resolution.

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

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

36 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
37 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
38 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
39 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

40 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

55 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.