

House Resolution 1566

By: Representatives Neal of the 79th, Willis of the 55th, and Dickey of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Tax Credits for Convenience Stores in Qualified
2 Low Income Census Tracts that Sell Produce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a decided lack of opportunity in many underprivileged areas to purchase
4 nutritional fresh produce; and

5 WHEREAS, convenience stores are the most common seller of food products in such areas;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, a monumental body of research clearly illustrates the importance of fresh
8 produce in a healthy and well-balanced diet; and

9 WHEREAS, convenience stores serve as the most obvious solution to this conundrum and
10 a committee should study options for tax credits for convenience stores in underprivileged
11 areas that offer some minimum amount of produce for purchase merits careful study and
12 consideration.

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

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 on Tax Credits for Convenience Stores in Qualified Low Income Census Tracts that Sell
16 Produce.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven 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.

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

34 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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