

## House Resolution 97

By: Representatives Neal of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Secretary of State to investigate the feasibility of adopting EMPOWRD for use  
2 by the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, EMPOWRD is a civic engagement platform designed to connect people with  
4 leaders and organizations, unifying them to support and lobby for great causes; and

5 WHEREAS, the platform eliminates complex barriers to obtaining information and finding  
6 activities in the civic process, enabling users to connect with causes that are important to  
7 them, their elected representatives, advocates, and organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the app would give elected leaders the opportunity to connect directly with  
9 constituents within their district and learn more about what causes and issues are important  
10 to them via their unique civic profiles; and

11 WHEREAS, civic and cause-based organizations would have the opportunity to connect with  
12 their communities and increase the number of volunteers, donors, and evangelists; and

13 WHEREAS, the app could further be used on election day to send important precinct  
14 modifications and polling place extension notifications directly to constituents in specific  
15 jurisdictions; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to election day and early voting periods, election officials could send  
17 important notifications about changes to specific jurisdictions and prompt voters to check  
18 their voting status through the app; and

19 WHEREAS, voters could also use the app to identify absentee ballot drop off locations and  
20 receive directions to their voting locations; and

21 WHEREAS, with additional resources, EMPOWRD could provide the State of Georgia with  
22 total data coverage of election and ballot information for all Georgians as well as real-time  
23 updates for wait times at voting locations across Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body urge the Secretary of State to investigate the feasibility of adopting  
26 EMPOWRD for use by the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 office of the Secretary of State.