

Senate Resolution 169

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Shoreline Protection Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia's shoreline is a precious natural resource and a critical part of this
3 state's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, it is in the public policy interests of Georgia's citizens to nurture and protect the
5 shoreline of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, there are numerous perspectives regarding how to best ensure that Georgia's
7 shoreline continues to thrive.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Shoreline
10 Protection Study Committee.

11 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members
12 consisting of three members to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, three
13 members to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and chairperson of the
14 Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment, who shall serve as
15 chairperson of the committee.

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

19 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
20 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

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

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

31 (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state
32 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that
33 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
34 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
35 employees.

36 (D) 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 Senate.

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 Secretary of the Senate.

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

54 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2021.