

Senate Resolution 298

By: Senators Beach of the 21st and Dolezal of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

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

2 WHEREAS, pressure from growth and development often results in the annexation of
3 unincorporated areas of a county without due consideration of the voices of local property
4 owners who are adversely impacted by the decisions of the governing body of a local
5 government for which they have no say in electing; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official
7 Code of Georgia Annotated in 2007 to provide an annexation dispute resolution procedure;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, such annexation dispute resolution procedure has not been amended or subject
10 to legislative review since its enactment; and

11 WHEREAS, a thorough study of this annexation dispute resolution procedure is overdue so
12 as to determine what appropriate revisions are needed to avoid the abuse of citizens of this
13 state.

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

15 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Annexation Study
16 Committee.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
18 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate one
19 of such members as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

30 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
31 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
32 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
33 appropriated to the Senate.

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 Secretary of the Senate. Any member of the committee may file a minority report
46 that shall accompany the majority report.

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
48 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.