

Senate Resolution 927

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on County and Municipal Extraterritorial Utility  
2 Service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, municipal governments and authorities in Georgia are constructing, operating,  
4 and maintaining water and sewer systems, natural gas delivery systems, electricity delivery  
5 systems, and other public utility services which extend beyond the incorporated limits of  
6 such municipalities; and

7 WHEREAS, county governments and authorities in Georgia are constructing, operating, and  
8 maintaining water and sewer systems, natural gas delivery systems, electricity delivery  
9 systems, and other public utility services which extend beyond the boundaries of such  
10 counties and into the incorporated limits of various municipalities; and

11 WHEREAS, the regulation of the construction, operation, and maintenance of such utilities  
12 in these areas is a matter of concern and is creating conflicts between governmental entities;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the application of the appropriate ordinances, resolutions, and regulations is  
15 unclear and confusing in many instances; and

16 WHEREAS, the resolution of these conflicts is of importance to the citizens and consumers  
17 of these utilities in this state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
19 Study Committee on County and Municipal Extraterritorial Utility Service to be composed  
20 of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President  
21 of the Senate shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.  
22 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
7 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
10 from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its  
11 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report  
12 shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on  
13 December 31, 2002.