

Senate Resolution 53

By: Senator Dean of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Music Industry Committee, an interim study committee, and a citizens'
2 advisory council thereto; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the music industry annually is one of this nation's fastest growing and most
4 prosperous businesses and professions, producing sales in the millions of dollars and
5 employing thousands of workers throughout the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, it is to the economic advantage of the State of Georgia that the many talented
7 musicians and music industry executives throughout this nation be made aware of the
8 excellent opportunities available in the State of Georgia for the location of music studios and
9 be encouraged to join the international recording artists, major booking agencies, promoters,
10 giant publishing companies, record labels, distribution centers, renowned entertainment
11 attorneys and producers, and the world's largest record pressing plant that are already in
12 Georgia, all of which promote the economic and cultural advancement of the citizens of this
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, the above-noted musicians, music industry executives, and musical facilities
15 have enjoyed unparalleled success in the music industry and have created numerous jobs for
16 citizens of this state and provided valuable contributions to revenue collections of municipal,
17 county, and state governmental authorities; and

18 WHEREAS, upon the attraction of additional professionals in this industry to the State of
19 Georgia, many new jobs would be created for citizens of this state; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to determine the most viable and efficient means by which this industry
21 can be attracted and encouraged to locate in Georgia, it is necessary to examine methods and
22 alternatives closely and comprehensively to accomplish this desire; and

1 WHEREAS, the Senate at its 1978 session first created the Senate Music Recording Industry
2 Study Committee, which rendered outstanding service to the State of Georgia, particularly
3 by giving birth to, sponsoring, promoting, and presenting the first "Georgia Music Week"
4 which was an unqualified success; and

5 WHEREAS, similar committees have been created every year subsequent to 1978, which
6 have carried on and expanded the work of the original committee, particularly in the area of
7 promoting and presenting the "Georgia Music Festival"; and

8 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the work of all those previous committees be continued and
9 that the "Georgia Music Festival" be celebrated each year on a permanent basis; and

10 WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these objectives, a similar committee should be
11 established at this time.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created an interim
13 study committee to be called the Senate Music Industry Committee to be composed of five
14 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments, one of
15 whom shall be designated as chairperson. The committee is authorized to conduct a
16 continuing study of methods for attracting the music industry and related fields to the State
17 of Georgia, to continue its assistance and support of the "Georgia Music Festival," and to
18 study all facets of the music industry and all matters relative thereto which would be
19 beneficial to the State of Georgia. The committee is authorized to seek the advice and
20 counsel of persons knowledgeable in the music industry and related fields and other persons,
21 groups, and organizations which the committee feels will be able to assist it in its endeavors.
22 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided by law for
23 legislative members of interim legislative committees. The committee shall meet upon the
24 call of the chairperson, and it is authorized to hold meetings and conduct studies at such
25 times and places as the committee deems advisable in carrying out its duties.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Committee on Assignments is further
27 authorized to appoint a citizens' advisory council to assist the committee and to appoint one
28 of its members as chairperson of the council. Members of the council shall receive no
29 compensation or allowances for their services thereon, except that the chairperson of the
30 council shall receive the same allowances provided for the legislative members of the
31 committee. The committee and council shall stand abolished on December 31, 2004.