

House Resolution 226

By: Representative Mobley of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Sheriffs' Powers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the office of sheriff is one of the earliest created offices in the State of Georgia
3 and many laws relating to sheriffs are early enactments which have not in recent years been
4 amended or studied; and

5 WHEREAS, the law enforcement community in the State of Georgia has undergone many
6 changes from the time when the sheriff was the principal, and often only, law enforcement
7 officer of a county to today's coexistence of many law enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, no study has been given in recent years to the statutory powers of sheriffs in
9 relation to the changes in law enforcement practices and procedures.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Study Committee on Sheriffs' Powers to be composed of five
12 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
14 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
16 issues and recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or
17 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
18 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
19 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
20 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
21 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
22 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
23 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
24 event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions

- 1 for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003.
- 2 The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.