

House Resolution 238

By: Representatives Hill of the 81st, Sailor of the 61st, Post 1, Forster of the 3rd, Post 1, Chambers of the 53rd, Day of the 126th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Law Enforcement Retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is served daily by the thousands of law enforcement
4 officers who have dedicated themselves to the protection of the lives and property of our
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, it is largely upon the courage and commitment of these brave men and women
7 that our fundamental liberties and well-being are built and secured; and

8 WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, this state's
9 law enforcement officers help to assure an orderly society and enhances the citizenry's sense
10 of security; and

11 WHEREAS, in placing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some
12 instances, risking their lives for the sake of others, the law enforcement officers in this state
13 exemplify the highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, a state-wide public pension is needed to ensure that after a career of making the
15 rest of us feel safer, retired law enforcement officers can enjoy a well deserved retirement.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 there is created the House Study Committee on Law Enforcement Retirement to be
18 composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
20 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action

1 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
2 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
3 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
4 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee is expressly
5 authorized to retain the services of an actuary, with the advice and assistance of the State
6 Auditor, for the purpose of studying the feasibility of recommendations. The members of the
7 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
8 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be
9 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
10 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from
11 the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes
12 a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if
13 any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand
14 abolished on December 31, 2003.