

Senate Resolution 431

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Price of the 56th, Stephens of the 51st and Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the Senate Study Committee on Location of Electric Transmission Lines; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, under Georgia law, utility companies are authorized to exercise powers of
4 eminent domain for the purpose of constructing power lines for the transmission of
5 electricity; and

6 WHEREAS, proposals have been advanced to provide additional oversight of utility
7 companies prior to their exercising eminent domain powers for the purpose of constructing
8 power lines for the transmission of electricity; and

9 WHEREAS, the creation of a committee to study this matter and make recommendations to
10 the General Assembly is in the best interest of the State of Georgia and its citizens.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
12 Study Committee on Location of Electric Transmission Lines to be composed of five
13 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The
14 Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member who shall serve as chairperson
15 of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson. In addition, the
16 organization known as Homeowners Opposed to Powerline Encroachment (H.O.P.E.) shall
17 receive notice of all meetings of the committee and shall be entitled to designate a nonvoting
18 member to participate in such meetings.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount
3 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
4 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
5 All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
6 appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall
7 not be received by any member of the committee for more than 15 days unless additional
8 days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
9 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
10 made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December
11 31, 2003.