

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; to create
2 the Senate Teleworking Study Commission; and for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

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

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

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on Location of Electric Transmission Lines to be composed of five
14 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The
15 Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a member who shall serve as chairperson
16 of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of

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

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
12 Study Committee on the Filing and Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance Rates to
13 be composed of five members, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the Senate Insurance
14 and Labor Committee, and four other members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate
15 Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate a
16 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
17 meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
19 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
20 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
21 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
22 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
23 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee shall be authorized
24 and directed to hear from the public and affected industries. The members of the committee
25 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
26 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
27 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
28 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
29 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
30 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
31 made on or before December 1, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December
32 1, 2003.

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PART II

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
2 Teleworking Study Commission to be composed of five members of the Senate appointed
3 by the Senate Committee on Assignments which shall also designate a member of the
4 commission as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the commission. The
5 commission shall undertake a study of how teleworking may alleviate traffic congestion in
6 metropolitan Atlanta. The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such
7 times as it may deem necessary or convenient. The members of the commission shall receive
8 the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall
9 receive the same for not more than five days. The funds necessary to carry out this resolution
10 shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the commission makes
11 a report of its findings and recommendations, such report shall be made on or before
12 December 31, 2003, at which time the commission shall stand abolished.