

House Resolution 397 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint MARTA Finance Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority was created by an Act  
3 approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243); and

4 WHEREAS, since its inception, MARTA has grown to become a regional transportation  
5 system while the costs of maintaining and improving the MARTA system fall  
6 disproportionately on the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and  
7 DeKalb County; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the laws relating to MARTA so as to develop a  
9 proposal for a more fair and equitable funding formula which is appropriate and necessary  
10 for MARTA's continued financial stability and success in fulfilling its responsibilities as a  
11 critical regional transportation system.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint MARTA Finance Study Committee to be composed  
14 of thirteen members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three  
15 members of the House of Representatives from the metropolitan Atlanta area as members of  
16 the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The Senate  
17 Committee on Assignments shall appoint three members of the Senate from the metropolitan  
18 Atlanta area as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as  
19 cochairperson. The Governor shall appoint three persons from the metropolitan Atlanta area  
20 who are not members of the General Assembly as members of the committee. The chief  
21 executive officer of DeKalb County, the chairperson of the Fulton County Commission, and  
22 the mayor of the City of Atlanta shall serve as members of the committee. The MARTA  
23 Board of Directors shall select a MARTA Board member to serve as a member of the  
24 committee. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study  
2 of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and  
3 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.  
4 The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem  
5 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its  
6 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative  
7 members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8  
8 of the O.C.G.A. Nonlegislative members of the committee who are not public officials or  
9 employees shall receive from legislative funds a daily expense allowance as provided in  
10 subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the O.C.G.A. Any nonlegislative public official  
11 or employee on the committee shall receive no compensation from legislative funds but may  
12 be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions  
13 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and  
14 the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
15 by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are  
16 authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations,  
17 with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before  
18 December 1, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2003.