

Senate Resolution 903

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Joint Sponsorship of Legislation; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Constitution ratified by the voters in 1982 and currently in effect
4 provides in Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIV that the General Assembly may provide
5 by law for the joint sponsorship of bills and resolutions; and

6 WHEREAS, this provision of the Constitution has been neither implemented nor seriously
7 studied; and

8 WHEREAS, certain other states have authorized or tested joint sponsorship in their
9 legislative bodies; and

10 WHEREAS, joint sponsorship might serve to help coordinate the legislative process and
11 achieve economies and efficiencies.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on Joint Sponsorship of Legislation. The Senate Committee on
14 Assignments shall appoint five members of the Senate as members of the committee and
15 shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings
16 of the committee.

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

1 Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from
2 funds appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution
3 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than ten days unless
4 additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
5 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
6 made on or before December 31, 2004. The committee shall stand abolished on December
7 31, 2004.