

House Resolution 296

By: Representative Scott of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the State Registry Study Commission; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the increased growth and complexity of state government have caused an
3 expansion in regulatory development; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the growth in regulations has caused accessibility and public notification issues
5 with the rule-making process; and
- 6 WHEREAS, state agencies are largely self-regulated by their own boards without the
7 opportunity for much public input; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the degree of public participation varies widely among state agencies in
9 Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during the past 30 years, states have moved to respond to public demands for
11 more open access to proposed rule making by centralizing information flow and requiring
12 all state agencies regularly to inform the public of pending and adopted changes in policies
13 and practices through a centralized publication; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the electronic publishing capabilities of the Internet allow centralized
15 publications to be distributed easily and in a cost-effective manner; and
- 16 WHEREAS, ten southern states have implemented a centralized notification of the
17 rule-making process.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that there is created the State Registry Study Commission to be composed of one
20 member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives and one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on

1 Assignments, who shall serve as cochairpersons of the commission and the head of each state
2 agency as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 50-13-2 or his or her designee. The
3 commission shall meet at the call of the cochairpersons.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall undertake a study of the
5 Administrative Procedures Act and recommend needed legislative changes so that a
6 centralized notification system may be established. The commission may conduct such
7 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable
8 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the
9 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the commission shall
10 receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees
11 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate but shall receive the
12 same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The agency heads
13 of their designees shall not receive any additional compensation for attending meetings of
14 the commission but shall be reimbursed for their actual costs by their agencies for any travel
15 related expenses incurred in attending meetings of the commission. The Office of
16 Legislative Counsel shall provide administrative support for the commission. In the event
17 the commission makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
18 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The
19 commission shall stand abolished on December 31, 2005.