

House Resolution 444

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Brooks of the 63rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Watson of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to create a constitutional amendment study commission
2 to examine whether the Constitution of the United States should be amended to eliminate the
3 electoral college and to provide for proportional representation by political party or body in
4 Congress; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the United States has recently assisted in the establishment of new democratic
6 governments in Afghanistan and Iraq and, in each case, has established a government based
7 upon a form of proportional representation by political party or similar organization in those
8 countries; and

9 WHEREAS, in many, if not most, of the democracies in the world, the concept of
10 proportional representation forms the basis of their legislative bodies; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States is made up of many diverse political parties and organizations,
12 but, due to the system that is used in this country for the election of members of Congress,
13 Congress is dominated almost exclusively by two political parties, the Democrats and
14 Republicans; and

15 WHEREAS, we have seen recently the election of a President who did not receive the
16 highest number of popular votes due to the manner in which the Electoral College operates;
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18 WHEREAS, the Electoral College can prevent the will of a majority of the people from being
19 heard and cause the votes of the citizens of one state to weigh more heavily than the votes
20 of the citizens of other states; and

21 WHEREAS, it is time that a serious review of these two institutions should be had and a
22 determination made if the method of election of members of Congress should be revised to
23 ensure that the diversity of thought in this country is fully represented in such body and if the

1 Electoral College should be abolished and a provision made for the direct election of the
2 President.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the United States Congress to create a
5 constitutional amendment study commission to examine whether the Constitution of the
6 United States should be amended to eliminate the electoral college and to provide for
7 proportional representation by political party or body in Congress.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
10 congressional delegation.