

Senate Resolution 376

By: Senators Zamarripa of the 36th, Moody of the 56th, Weber of the 40th and Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Atlanta County Study Committee, and for other purposes
- 2 WHEREAS, Fulton County encompasses many different and diverse communities; and
- 3 WHEREAS, there currently exist within Fulton County ten separate municipalities, including
4 the Cities of Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain
5 Park, Palmetto, Roswell, and Union City; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the municipalities within Fulton County are individually of historic importance
7 to their communities and to the State of Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, rising property taxes and the desire for more efficient government are concerns
9 for many citizens of Fulton County; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the services offered by Fulton County and these municipalities are often
11 duplicative; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the residents of Fulton County and the municipalities therein would benefit
13 from a consolidation of certain services; and
- 14 WHEREAS, it is desirable the historic nature of the municipalities in Fulton County be
15 preserved in the event of consolidation; and
- 16 WHEREAS, certain aspects of government and services can be best served by local
17 governments and organizations; and
- 18 WHEREAS, there are numerous residents in Georgia and in the United States that have been
19 well served by the consolidation of services and governments, including the residents of
20 Athens-Clarke County, Columbus-Muscogee County, and Augusta-Richmond County in

1 Georgia, and also residents of Miami-Dade County in Florida and the five Boroughs of New
2 York City; and

3 WHEREAS, there are many possibilities for consolidation of governments or services in
4 Fulton County, which ought to be discussed so as to provide the residents of Fulton County
5 with the best form of government and the most efficient delivery of services possible.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
7 Atlanta County Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
8 appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on Assignments
9 shall designate one member of the committee from each major political party as
10 cochairpersons of the committee. The chairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
12 discussed above and other related matters and recommend any action or legislation which
13 the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings
14 at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to
15 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives
16 and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
17 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The
18 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
19 committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. The funds
20 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
21 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
22 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
23 made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on December
24 31, 2005.