

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to SR 376:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Atlanta County and Milton County Study Committee, and for other
2 purposes

3 WHEREAS, Fulton County encompasses many different and diverse communities; and

4 WHEREAS, there currently exist within Fulton County ten separate municipalities, including
5 the Cities of Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain
6 Park, Palmetto, Roswell, and Union City; and

7 WHEREAS, the municipalities within Fulton County are individually of historic importance
8 to their communities and to the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, rising property taxes and the desire for more efficient government are concerns
10 for many citizens of Fulton County; and

11 WHEREAS, the services offered by Fulton County and these municipalities are often
12 duplicative; and

13 WHEREAS, the residents of Fulton County and the municipalities therein would benefit
14 from a consolidation of certain services; and

15 WHEREAS, it is desirable the historic nature of the municipalities in Fulton County be
16 preserved in the event of consolidation; and

17 WHEREAS, certain aspects of government and services can be best served by local
18 governments and organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, there are numerous residents in Georgia and in the United States that have been
20 well served by the consolidation of services and governments, including the residents of

1 Athens-Clarke County, Columbus-Muscogee County, and Augusta-Richmond County in
2 Georgia, and also residents of Miami-Dade County in Florida and the five Boroughs of New
3 York City, including, without limitation, the creation of the new counties potentially named
4 Atlanta County in the south and Milton County in the north portions of present Fulton
5 County; and

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

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

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