

Senate Resolution 458

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th, Tolleson of the 20th, Miles of the 43rd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Tree Ordinance Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, general laws relating to county and municipal regulation of tree harvesting
3 authorize counties and municipalities to enact and enforce tree ordinances, landscape
4 ordinances, and streamside buffer ordinances; and

5 WHEREAS, in some cases such ordinances have been used to prohibit homeowners from
6 trimming or cutting trees on their property; and

7 WHEREAS, a study of current practices and enforcement of local regulation of tree trimming
8 and cutting is necessary to determine whether additional general law limitations are needed
9 to protect private property rights.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
11 Tree Ordinance Study Committee to be composed of seven members of the Senate to be
12 appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on
13 Assignments shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.
14 The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
16 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
17 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
18 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
19 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
20 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
21 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
22 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
23 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
24 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds

1 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
2 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
3 made on or before December 1, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on December
4 1, 2005.