

## House Resolution 296 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the State Registry Study Committee; 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 there is created the State Registry Study Committee to be composed of two members of the  
20 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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