

House Resolution 340 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Keen of the 179th, O'Neal of the 146th, Graves of the 12th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Taxpayer Bill of Rights Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, many taxpayers have expressed strong sentiment for reducing their tax burden;
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4 WHEREAS, providing for meaningful limits on state government taxing and spending
5 powers is an effective method for accomplishing that reduction; and

6 WHEREAS, other states have already implemented reductions by providing that annual state
7 expenditures cannot exceed the total expenditures for a prior fiscal year except for annual
8 percentage changes in the cost of living and population and providing that excess revenues
9 are refunded to taxpayers.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Taxpayer Bill of Rights Study Committee to be composed of five
13 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
15 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

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

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