

Senate Resolution 1114

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Weber of the 40th, Adelman of the 42nd and Miles of the 43rd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Restructuring of DeKalb County Government;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's form of government is unique in the state of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, the local Act of the General Assembly which established this unique form of  
5 county government and fixed the powers and duties of the officers constituting the governing  
6 authority was enacted in 1981 (Ga. L.1981, p. 4304); and

7 WHEREAS, many portions of the local Act may be amended only after approval by the  
8 voters of DeKalb County in a referendum; and

9 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's form of government was adopted after careful study by  
10 several committees, political representatives, and civic organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, DeKalb County has been through many changes in the nearly 25 years since the  
12 adoption of its form of government, and the time has come for another careful study to  
13 determine if a reorganization of the county's government could provide a government more  
14 representative of the county's citizens and more efficient in the delivery of government  
15 services for the citizens of the county; and

16 WHEREAS, the citizens of DeKalb County would be well served if a distinguished  
17 committee took a critical look at what changes, if any, might best serve the residents of the  
18 county.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
20 Study Committee on the Restructuring of DeKalb County Government. The committee shall  
21 consist of the following members: seven members of the Senate who shall be members who  
22 make up the DeKalb County delegation in the Senate. The chairperson of the DeKalb

1 County delegation in the Senate shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The  
2 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
5 or legislation the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct  
6 such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to  
7 enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the  
8 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the committee shall  
9 receive the allowance provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
10 Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from  
11 funds appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution  
12 shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless  
13 additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes report of its findings and  
14 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
15 made on or before December 1, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1,  
16 2006.