

Senate Resolution 133

By: Senators Tarver of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Augusta, Georgia, Environmental Issues; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there have been ongoing serious environmental issues in the Hyde Park and
4 Aragon Park communities in Augusta, Georgia, since the mid 1980's; and

5 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has conducted studies and expended over
6 \$10 million in cleanup activities at just one site in the area; and

7 WHEREAS, these communities continue to be afflicted by toxic chemicals in the soil and
8 water and many residents of the area have experienced negative health effects likely to be
9 connected with these pollutants; and

10 WHEREAS, the residents of these communities deserve a remedy for the ongoing presence
11 of pollutants and a thorough study of possible adverse health effects and how they can be
12 ameliorated.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Augusta, Georgia,
15 Environmental Issues to be composed of two members of the Senate to be appointed by the
16 President of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
17 by the Speaker of the House. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall
18 each designate a member of the committee as cochairperson of the committee. The
19 cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
21 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
22 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

1 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
3 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
4 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
5 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The
6 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
7 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
8 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
9 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2008 session
10 of the General Assembly, at which time the committee shall stand abolished.