

House Resolution 1288

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Lewis of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Telecommunications Competition Review Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this body to promote competition in telecommunications to
4 benefit Georgia's citizens statewide; and

5 WHEREAS, this body is committed to promote the availability of communications services
6 throughout Georgia on an equitable basis and to treat communications providers fairly; and

7 WHEREAS, implicit subsidies from the era of regulated telephone monopoly obscure the
8 true cost of telecommunications services and stifle the growth of competition; and

9 WHEREAS, there has been no study or review of the level of such subsidies and their effect
10 on competition and economic development in Georgia for 12 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the current manner in which the State of Georgia assures the provision of
12 reasonably priced access to communications services may need to be revised to accurately
13 reflect current technology and to ensure the equitable regulation of such access to
14 communications services.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 there is created the House Telecommunications Competition Review Study Committee to be
17 composed of five members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The
18 Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
19 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

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