

House Resolution 1932

By: Representatives Henson of the 87th, Watson of the 91st, Shipp of the 58th, Chambers of the 81st, Abrams of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on DeKalb County Court Fines and Fees; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DeKalb County has a need to provide for additional technology for its criminal
4 justice programs; and

5 WHEREAS, many counties have funded court technology through the use of additional fines
6 or fees on civil and criminal cases in the various county courts; and

7 WHEREAS, as a result of the convenience of this method of funding programs, over the
8 years, the additional fines and fees imposed in civil and criminal cases have become
9 somewhat overwhelming; and

10 WHEREAS, while this may be the most appropriate means for funding the needed
11 improvements in technology for DeKalb County courts, it is a matter which is deserving of
12 study before moving forward on such measures.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on DeKalb County Court Fines and Fees to be
15 composed of 12 members. Five of the members shall be the chairperson of the DeKalb
16 County delegation in the House of Representatives or his or her designee and four other
17 members of the House appointed by such chairperson. The other members shall be the
18 District Attorney of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the Sheriff of DeKalb County or
19 his or her designee, the Clerk of the State Court of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the
20 Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the chief judge of the
21 Records Court of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of
22 DeKalb County or his or her designee, and the presiding officer of the Board of
23 Commissioners of DeKalb County or his or her designee. The chairperson of the DeKalb

1 County delegation or his or her designee 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 actions
5 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
9 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
10 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless
11 additional days are authorized. The other members of the committee shall serve without
12 compensation. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
13 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event that the committee
14 makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed
15 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
16 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.