

Senate Resolution 7

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Hawkins of the 49th, Douglas of the 17th, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the federal Internal Revenue Service to remove the tax-exempt organization status
2 of ACORN and its associated subsidiary organizations; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)
4 during the 2008 election year and in past years has been involved in voter registration efforts
5 in the various states in this nation; and

6 WHEREAS, ACORN and some of its associated subsidiary organizations receive tax-exempt
7 status under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code; and

8 WHEREAS, ACORN's voter registration efforts have been associated with fraudulent voter
9 registration activities; and

10 WHEREAS, in Ohio, one person stated that he signed 73 voter registration applications over
11 a five-month span through ACORN; and

12 WHEREAS, in Connecticut, ACORN submitted a registration card for a seven year old girl
13 that contained a false birthdate; and

14 WHEREAS, ACORN has been accused of submitting the names of deceased persons and the
15 names of members of the Dallas Cowboys on registration forms in Nevada; and

16 WHEREAS, an ACORN worker in Pennsylvania has been charged with 17 counts of identity
17 theft and forgery in connection with voter registration applications; and

18 WHEREAS, an ACORN worker in the State of Washington was convicted of submitting
19 false registrations for nearly 2,000 fictitious persons in 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, ACORN is under investigation for fraudulent voter registration activities in 11
21 states; and

22 WHEREAS, an organization that engages in such activities should not receive the benefit of
23 a tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Internal Revenue Service to investigate
26 ACORN and its associated subsidiary organizations and remove the tax-exempt status of
27 ACORN and its associated subsidiary organizations for this improper activity.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
30 the Secretary of the Treasury, and all members of the Georgia congressional delegation.