

Senate Resolution 522

By: Senators Jackson of the 24th, Butterworth of the 50th, Williams of the 19th, Tarver of the 22nd, Hudgens of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Comprehensive Development Impact Fee Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, current Georgia laws applicable to the process of the calculation, adoption,
4 implementation, and expenditure of development impact fees affect not only many
5 businesses and industries but also many residents of this state, and the fair and equitable
6 application of these provisions is important to many Georgia citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, there has not been in the past decade or longer a formal or comprehensive study
8 of development impact fees in Georgia for the purpose of making consistent and equitable
9 recommendations for changes to these statutory provisions; and

10 WHEREAS, these laws and subsequent consequences form an essential part of the
11 foundation for real estate and construction industries in this state; and

12 WHEREAS, many questions and concerns have been raised by these industries related to the
13 application of Chapter 71 of Title 36, the "Georgia Development Impact Fee Act," and
14 mandate a close reexamination of Georgia's laws regarding same; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia's economy generally and the real estate and construction markets
16 specifically have been negatively impacted by the continued application of outdated and
17 inequitable impact fee provisions; and

18 WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is now time to closely scrutinize and improve Georgia's
19 laws concerning development impact fees.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
21 Comprehensive Development Impact Fee Study Committee to be composed of five members
22 of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate

23 shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
24 shall call all meetings of the committee.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee may conduct such meetings at such
26 times and in such places as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
27 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
28 for this resolution. The legislative members of the study committee shall receive the
29 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim committees but shall receive the
30 same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary
31 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the
32 Senate. In the event the study committee makes a report of its findings and
33 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
34 made before December 31, 2009. The study committee shall stand abolished on December
35 31, 2009.