

House Resolution 624

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#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Constitutional Officer Fees Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly established by general law most of the fees collected by  
3 the sheriffs, probate judges, superior court clerks, tax commissioners, and magistrate judges;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the person receiving the service pays for most or all of  
6 the service, rather than shifting the cost to the property taxpayers, the fees should more  
7 closely reflect the cost of providing the service; and

8 WHEREAS, from time to time, these fees need to be reviewed, evaluated, and updated in  
9 order to ensure that the cost of providing the service is reflected accurately by the fee  
10 charged.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 there is created the House Constitutional Officer Fees Study Committee to be composed of  
13 seven members, four of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives to be  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The chairperson of the House  
15 Committee on Ways and Means shall be a member of the committee. The sixth member of  
16 the committee shall be an incumbent county commissioner and the seventh member shall be  
17 an incumbent constitutional county officer, both of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker may seek the advice and recommendations  
19 of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Constitutional Officers  
20 Association of Georgia regarding the respective appointments of the sixth and seventh  
21 members. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the  
22 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action

25 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the  
29 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official  
30 Code of Georgia Annotated. Other members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the  
31 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
32 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.  
33 The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the  
34 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary  
35 to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the  
36 House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
37 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
38 made on or before December 1, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
39 1, 2009.