

House Resolution 651

By: Representatives Graves of the 12th, Keen of the 179th, Harbin of the 118th, O`Neal of the 146th, Roberts of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Business Income Tax Elimination and Job Creation;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the nation are struggling with rising unemployment
4 rates and a severe economic downturn; and

5 WHEREAS, providing businesses with tax relief opportunities will result in increased
6 employment and stimulate the overall economy for the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, changes to the current corporate tax laws in Georgia, including corporate
8 income taxes and taxes on business income, will help make this state more economically
9 competitive and put unemployed Georgians back to work; and

10 WHEREAS, providing a waiver of fees for corporations, partnerships, and associations in
11 Georgia will help create and maintain jobs across this state; and

12 WHEREAS, a gradual tax elimination will provide real stimulus to the Georgia economy
13 through a policy that encourages growth and job creation in the private sector rather than
14 through the work of government itself; and

15 WHEREAS, careful study is needed to determine the parameters and best implementation
16 of a corporate income tax elimination program for the above described purposes.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 there is created the House Study Committee on Business Income Tax Elimination and Job
19 Creation to be composed of six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which shall include the chairperson of the
21 House Committee on Ways and Means and the chairperson of the House Committee on
22 Appropriations. The Speaker shall designate a member of the study committee as

23 chairperson of the committee. All meetings of the committee shall be at the discretion of the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
26 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
27 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
28 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
29 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
30 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
31 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
32 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
33 any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized.
34 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
35 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
36 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
37 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2009, at which time the committee shall
38 stand abolished.