

House Resolution 777

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the National Renewables Energy Portfolio
2 Standards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) is a flexible, market-driven policy
4 that can ensure that the public benefits of renewable energy, such as wind, biomass, and
5 non-CO₂ emitting sources, continue to be recognized as electricity markets become more
6 competitive and that a minimum amount of renewable energy is included in the portfolio of
7 electricity resources serving a state, thereby putting the electricity industry on a path toward
8 increasing sustainability; and

9 WHEREAS, sustainable energy is vital to the economy and security of the people of the State
10 of Georgia and of the United States of America; and

11 WHEREAS, a national goal of 15-20 percent renewable based electricity by the year 2020
12 is thought by its proponents to offer the least-expensive and most market-friendly method
13 of nursing steady growth of America's renewable energy industry; and

14 WHEREAS, inconsistent federal policies in the area of renewable energy have frustrated
15 investors; and

16 WHEREAS, a national RPS is said to have many benefits, but may also have possible
17 downsides in its implementation within this state; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Georgia to
19 comprehensively study the possible implications and ramifications of a national RPS.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 there is created the House Study Committee on the National Renewables Energy Portfolio
22 Standards to be composed of six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed

23 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall designate one member as
24 chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

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