

House Resolution 1293

By: Representatives Dodson of the 75th, Shaw of the 176th, Powell of the 29th, Stephens of the 164th, Hudson of the 124th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint House and Senate Study Committee on the Licensure of Residential and
2 General Contractors; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, home building and commercial general contracting represent two of Georgia's
4 largest industries; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's extensive statutory provisions have created an inefficient and overly
6 cumbersome licensing process for residential and general contractors, and the current
7 excessively bureaucratic process has led to a decrease in construction and development in
8 Georgia and has forced valuable construction jobs to leave this state; and

9 WHEREAS, local governments are free to adopt local ordinances requiring licensure, and
10 a return to local control should be considered; and

11 WHEREAS, the regulation or deregulation of residential and general contractors is a
12 critically important issue relating to the recovery of Georgia's economy and this state's
13 overall economic success.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint House and Senate Study Committee on the
16 Licensure of Residential and General Contractors to investigate the benefit and need for
17 state-wide regulation or the deregulation of residential and general contractors in Georgia.
18 The committee shall be composed of four members of the House of Representatives to be
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate
20 to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
21 and the President of the Senate shall designate one of the members appointed by each of
22 them as a cochairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the
23 cochairpersons.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
25 needs, issues, and problems described in this resolution and issues related thereto and may
26 recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
27 The committee may conduct such meetings at such times and places as it may deem
28 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
29 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative
30 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
31 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
32 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
33 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
34 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
35 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before
36 December 1, 2010. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2010.