

Senate Resolution 1068

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Georgia Ethics and Accountability Joint Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a need for comprehensive ethics and accountability reform in the state
4 government; and

5 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the
6 Senate this session seeking to address ethics and accountability issues; and

7 WHEREAS, there should be thoughtful and careful consideration and meaningful study on
8 how this legislation will impact the current ethics laws in this state and whether such
9 legislation will actually address the ethics issues which exist; and

10 WHEREAS, the current ethics issues are the source of much public discussion and debate;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the need exists for a comprehensive review of the current law and proposed
13 legislation in order to ensure that the best interests of the citizens of this state are being
14 promoted and protected.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 GEORGIA that there is created the Georgia Ethics and Accountability Joint Study
17 Committee to be composed of four members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
18 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; four members of the Senate to be appointed
19 by the President of the Senate; four members of the Georgia Alliance for Ethics Reform, two
20 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two to be appointed by
21 the President of the Senate; and one member of the Georgia Government Transparency and
22 Campaign Finance Commission to be appointed by the Governor. The Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives shall designate a member of the House and the President of the Senate

24 shall designate a member of the Senate who shall serve as cochairpersons of the committee.
25 The committee shall meet at the call of the cochairpersons.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
27 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
28 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
29 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 legislative members of the
32 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
33 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional
34 days are authorized. The other members of the committee shall serve without compensation.
35 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
36 appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate. No later than June 30, 2012, the
37 commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President
38 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee shall stand
39 abolished on September 30, 2012.