

Senate Resolution 1217

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Garnishment Proceedings Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly recognized that large and small businesses are  
3 greatly affected in garnishment proceedings in its passage of 2012 HB 683 and also  
4 recognized that many provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 18 of the Official Code of Georgia  
5 Annotated have not been updated in more than 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine the current garnishment process because it  
7 substantially burdens large and small businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, 2011 SB 11 brought to light many issues regarding the burdens of continuing  
9 garnishment, and stakeholder input would enhance the understanding of issues concerning  
10 garnishments in order to make the process fair and efficient for all involved; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important to determine if changes are needed to the garnishment laws of  
12 this state and to address other related issues to determine whether any of these issues warrant  
13 being addressed through legislation.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
15 Garnishment Proceedings Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate  
16 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate one of  
17 the appointees to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all  
18 meetings of the committee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
20 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
21 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
22 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and

24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
25 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
26 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two  
27 days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the  
28 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the  
29 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed  
30 legislation, such report shall be made no later than January 14, 2013. The committee shall  
31 stand abolished on January 14, 2013.