

House Resolution 1027

By: Representatives Weldon of the 3rd and Neal of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the City of Fort Oglethorpe Charter Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Oglethorpe has undergone many changes recently due to the
3 suspension of one councilmember and the death of another; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the city has recently forced the resignation of the city manager and terminated
5 the chief of police and the public works and recreation director who were long-term city
6 employees who enjoyed significant public support for their work; and
- 7 WHEREAS, these acts of the mayor and council have led to the creation of a citizens group
8 seeking the recall of the mayor and members of the city council; and
- 9 WHEREAS, these acts have created a great amount of turmoil and consternation among the
10 citizens of the city; and
- 11 WHEREAS, many citizens have suggested that these actions by the mayor and council
12 constitute an abuse of power; and
- 13 WHEREAS, questions have arisen as to whether these actions are appropriate and whether
14 the city charter should be revised if the actions are permissible; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the House delegation would benefit from a study of the city charter of the City
16 of Fort Oglethorpe and the input of citizens of the city on whether the charter needs revision
17 or amendment to address the current situation.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the City of Fort Oglethorpe Charter Study Committee to be composed of
20 seven members to be appointed by the House delegation representing the City of Fort

21 Oglethope. The House delegation shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
22 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
25 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
29 shall serve without compensation. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings
30 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
31 made on or before December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished on
32 December 31, 2013.