

House Resolution 1036

By: Representative Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Townships; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the residents of many unincorporated areas of counties in this state desire to
3 exercise some degree of control over development and growth in their areas as well as
4 exercise control over certain limited services provided by government to the areas; and

5 WHEREAS, these same residents, however, do not see the need for an incorporated
6 municipal government with its attendant costs and additional bureaucracy; and

7 WHEREAS, these residents fear that their neighborhoods will be swallowed by municipal
8 annexation or that county services will be reduced due to budgetary constraints caused by the
9 annexation of many of the prime areas of their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, over the years, the General Assembly has considered several bills to deal with
11 these issues, including the development of a form of limited municipal government such as
12 a township; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the most effective way to address these concerns
14 and issues.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 there is created the House Study Committee on Townships to be composed of five members
17 of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
18 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a chairperson from among the
19 appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study
21 of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and
22 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

23 The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
24 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
25 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
26 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
27 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be
28 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
29 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
30 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
31 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
32 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2013. The
33 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2013.