

Senate Resolution 986

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Cowser of the 46th, Stone of the 23rd, Fort of the 39th and Thompson of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Unified Courts Technology Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in its final report, the Senate Expungement Reform Study Committee
3 recommended the study of the cost and feasibility of a significant investment in state and
4 local information technology systems, the cost of training state and local employees on new
5 systems, and the feasibility of using add-on fees to fund system upgrades; and

6 WHEREAS, system upgrades should be based on mandatory state-wide standards for
7 criminal, civil, and domestic relations data which allow all justice system agencies to share
8 data efficiently; the efficient function of the judiciary system is of utmost importance to our
9 state, and the key to such efficiency is the real time sharing of information among the court
10 agencies.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
12 Unified Courts Technology Study Committee to be composed of seven members. The
13 chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee shall serve as chairperson of the committee.
14 Four members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. Two members
15 of the committee shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. The
16 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
24 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless an additional two
25 days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the

26 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the
27 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations for proposed
28 legislation, such report shall be made no later than December 1, 2014. The committee shall
29 stand abolished on December 1, 2014.