

Senate Resolution 987

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Hill of the 32nd, Bethel of the 54th, Hill of the 6th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Elimination of the State Income Tax Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the nation are slowly recovering from rising
4 unemployment rates and a severe economic downturn; and

5 WHEREAS, providing individuals with tax relief opportunities will result in increased
6 employment and stimulate the overall economy for the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, changes to the current state income tax laws in Georgia will help make this state
8 more economically competitive and put unemployed Georgians back to work; and

9 WHEREAS, a gradual state income tax elimination will provide real stimulus to the Georgia
10 economy through a policy that encourages growth and job creation in the private sector rather
11 than through the work of government itself; and

12 WHEREAS, careful study is needed to determine the parameters and best implementation
13 of a state income tax elimination program for the above described purposes.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
15 Elimination of the State Income Tax Study Committee to be composed of five members who
16 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate
17 a member of the committee 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 state
20 income tax records in order to analyze and examine how best to implement a gradual
21 reduction and eventual elimination of such tax.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall provide a report outlining how to
23 meet the intended goal. The report of the committee may also recommend any action or
24 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. All agencies of the state
25 are directed to provide the committee with such assistance as the committee shall require to
26 perform its assigned duties, to the extent provided by law.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct such meetings at such
28 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
29 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
30 of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
31 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances
32 authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more
33 than five days unless additional days are authorized by the President of the Senate. The
34 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
35 appropriated to the Senate.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a report of its findings and
37 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before December
38 1, 2014. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.