

Senate Resolution 1053

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Court of Appeals Workload; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, judicial power of this state is, among other classes of courts, vested in the Court
4 of Appeals as provided for by Article VI, Section I, Paragraph I and Article VI, Section V
5 of the Georgia Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, the composition and divisions of the Court of Appeals are as provided for in
7 Code Section 15-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

8 WHEREAS, as of 2012, the total yearly filing in the Court of Appeals was 3,404 cases; and

9 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine the workload of the Court of Appeals to determine
10 if the composition of the Court of Appeals should be increased to include another division
11 of three judges.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Study Committee on the Court of Appeals Workload to be composed of three members as
14 follows: the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee and two members to be appointed by the
15 President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the
16 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
17 committee.

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

24 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
25 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
26 any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized
27 by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
28 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee
29 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
30 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014. The committee
31 shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.