

House Resolution 1865

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Voter Registration and Voting; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia presently does not allow for same day and certain types of on-line voter
4 registration that is offered by other states; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia does not allow for all mail elections and voting by mail that is offered
6 by other states; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia does not allow for Internet voting, on-line voting, and similar
8 electronic means of voting by absentee ballot; and

9 WHEREAS, these forms of voting have been implemented or are in the process of being
10 implemented in other states; and

11 WHEREAS, these new forms of registration and voting are worthy of exploring and studying
12 to determine if such forms of registration and voting would improve the convenience and
13 ability of the public to participate in the electoral process; and

14 WHEREAS, new forms of voting may be needed to make the Georgia election scheme more
15 workable in light of the recent court injunction and legislation changing the times for
16 primaries and elections in Georgia.

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

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study
24 of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and
25 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
26 The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
27 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
28 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
29 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
30 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be
31 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
32 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
33 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
34 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
35 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014. The committee
36 shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.