

The Senate Committee on Interstate Corporation offers the following substitute to HR 395:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly desires to promote cooperative working relationships
3 between the State of Georgia and the State of Alabama, our neighbor to the west; and

4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly desires to foster and encourage good will between the
5 states of Georgia and Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly desires to provide a formal means for members of the
7 Georgia House of Representatives, members of the Georgia Senate, and their counterparts
8 from the State of Alabama to discuss and review issues that are common to both states and
9 to seek common solutions to common problems.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA:

12 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Georgia-Alabama
13 Study Committee.

14 (2) **Members and officers.**

15 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

16 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
17 House of Representatives whose districts abut any part of the boundary between the
18 State of Georgia and the State of Alabama as members of the committee and shall
19 designate one of such members as cochairperson.

20 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate whose
21 districts abut any part of the boundary between the State of Georgia and the State of
22 Alabama as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as
23 cochairperson.

24 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
25 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or

26 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. To the extent practical,
27 the committee shall coordinate its efforts with its counterpart committee from the
28 legislature of the State of Alabama.

29 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
30 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
31 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
32 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

33 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

34 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
35 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

36 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
37 of the committee for more than five days annually unless additional days are
38 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
39 from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate.

40 (6) **Report.**

41 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
42 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
43 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
44 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

45 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
46 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
47 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

48 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
49 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
50 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
51 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

52 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk
53 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes
54 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

55 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.