

## House Resolution 978

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it is important to periodically assess various existing state programs to  
3 determine whether such programs continue to be viable and effective or whether they have  
4 failed to or ceased to accomplish their original and current policy objectives; and

5 WHEREAS, identification and preservation of those sites with historical and cultural  
6 significance to the state for the benefit of future generations is of utmost importance; and

7 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study and collect information and data relating to the  
8 effectiveness of state efforts to preserve historic sites in Georgia and to conduct a  
9 comprehensive review of programs designed to accomplish such preservation, including but  
10 not limited to the effectiveness of such programs in accomplishing their original and current  
11 policy objectives, the costs associated with such programs, and the ways in which such  
12 programs may be made more successful through incorporation of techniques or approaches  
13 utilized by other states.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
16 on Historic Site Preservation.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
18 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of the appointees as chairperson of the  
20 committee.

21 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
22 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
23 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

24 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
25 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

28 **(5) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

29 (A) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code  
30 Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized  
31 by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than  
32 five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the  
33 provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of  
34 Representatives.

35 **(6) Report.**

36 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
37 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the  
38 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
39 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

40 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
41 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)  
42 of this paragraph.

43 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
44 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
45 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
46 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the  
48 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu  
49 thereof.

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