

## Senate Resolution 942

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Albers of the 56th and Bethel of the 54th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Townships; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the residents of many unincorporated areas of counties in this state desire to  
3 exercise some degree of control over development and growth in their areas, as well as  
4 exercise control over certain limited services provided by government to such areas; and

5 WHEREAS, these residents also would prefer options to establishing a full-featured  
6 municipal government to meet their needs; and

7 WHEREAS, over the years, the General Assembly has considered several bills to deal with  
8 these issues, including the development of a form of limited municipal government such as  
9 a township; and

10 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the most effective way to address these concerns  
11 and issues.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

13 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee  
14 on Townships.

15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
16 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
17 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

28 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
29 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
31 appropriated to the Senate.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

40 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
41 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
42 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
43 the Secretary of the Senate.

44 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
45 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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