

House Resolution 1313

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Frazier of the 126th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Scott of the 76th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging local boards of education to avoid scheduling any high school graduation or
2 matriculation ceremonies or commencements on the same day that the general primary
3 election is held; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, high school graduation ceremonies and commencements are important
5 occasions for the students completing high school requirements and their families and
6 friends; and

7 WHEREAS, elections for state and local government representatives are likewise a very
8 important part of our country's fabric and one of the basic rights of an American; and

9 WHEREAS, many times, election polling places are located at local schools in the area,
10 including high schools; and

11 WHEREAS, high school graduations are commonly scheduled in the month of May; and

12 WHEREAS, as of 2014, Georgia's primary election is also held in the month of May; and

13 WHEREAS, the scheduling of high school graduation ceremonies and commencements on
14 the same day as the general primary election could result in voter suppression.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body urge local boards of education to avoid scheduling any high school
17 graduation or matriculation ceremonies or commencements on the same day that the general
18 primary election is held.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to local
21 boards of education.