

House Resolution 1364

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Education of Clayton County to avoid scheduling any high school
2 graduation or matriculation ceremonies or commencements on the same day that the general
3 primary 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 an
8 extremely important part of our country's fabric; and

9 WHEREAS, voting is one of the basic rights cherished by Americans; and

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

12 WHEREAS, high school graduations are commonly scheduled during the month of May; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's primary election is also currently held during the month of May; and

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

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
22 Board of Education of Clayton County.