

House Resolution 1471

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers
2 Market; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta State Farmers Market has over 40 years of history serving the
4 Atlanta area; and

5 WHEREAS, the Atlanta State Farmers Market has faced a sharp decline in attracting
6 individual consumers over the years; and

7 WHEREAS, today's society has become more focused on eating organic and ethnically
8 diverse foods; and

9 WHEREAS, the Atlanta State Farmers Market would offer a larger variety of produce and
10 other items not readily available in local grocery stores; and

11 WHEREAS, due to the proximity to Atlanta's Jackson-Hartsfield International Airport and
12 the ease of access to the location for the citizens of Atlanta and the state as a whole, the
13 redevelopment of the Atlanta State Farmers Market would offer additional agrotourism
14 opportunities, such as educational programs, festivals, state fairs, and other family and tourist
15 oriented activities enhancing the state's recognition as the number one state for business; and

16 WHEREAS, the Atlanta State Farmers Market could serve as an excellent educational
17 opportunity for urban Atlanta residents with the important goals of teaching our citizens
18 about Georgia's farming industry and its importance in the areas of health and commerce; and

19 WHEREAS, the introduction of technological advances, advertising, an increased aesthetic
20 appeal, and a focus on making the Atlanta State Farmers Market an industrial and consumer
21 friendly hub would provide a unique blend to attract farmers, business owners, restaurant
22 owners, and consumers.

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

24 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
25 on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market.

26 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 9 members as follows:

27 (A) Five members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker;

28 (B) The remaining four members shall be appointed by the Speaker. Such members
29 may consist of members of the House of Representatives, members of the private
30 sector, or any combination thereof; and

31 (C) The Speaker shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson
32 of the committee.

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

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

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

41 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
42 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
43 Georgia Annotated.

44 (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than members of the
45 General Assembly, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their
46 services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them
47 in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as
48 they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

49 (C) Members of the committee who are not members of the General Assembly, state
50 officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the
51 same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code
52 of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for
53 state employees.

54 (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
55 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
56 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
57 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
58 of the expenses of state officials, other than members of the General Assembly, and for

59 the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds
60 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

61 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

76 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.