

Senate Resolution 442

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating a Georgia Agricultural Marketing
2 Authority; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, agriculture has a vital impact on the State of Georgia's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, it is of upmost importance to maintain the vibrance of Georgia's agricultural
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the possibility of creating a state-wide authority
7 to provide facilities and activities for the agricultural community to market and promote its
8 products to agribusiness persons and the public so as to further boost the state's robust
9 economy.

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

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
12 on Creating a Georgia Agricultural Marketing Authority.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the chairperson of the
14 Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee as well as four other members of
15 the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate
16 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

31 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

45 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.