

## House Resolution 1303

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Collection of Public Utility Ad Valorem Taxes;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, public utilities in Georgia currently must file for ad valorem taxes in every  
4 county and municipality in which each such public utility owns real property; and

5 WHEREAS, such a system proves inefficient and unwieldy for Georgia's public utilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study other options for the collection of such  
7 taxes, including transferring collection to the Department of Revenue.

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

9 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
10 on the Collection of Public Utility Ad Valorem Taxes.

11 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of ten members of the  
12 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
14 of the committee.

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

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

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

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

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

29 **(6) Report.**

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

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

37 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
38 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

39 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed  
40 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

44 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.