

Senate Resolution 324

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate City of Ringgold Charter Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the City of Ringgold has undergone many changes in recent years; and

3 WHEREAS, the current charter for the City of Ringgold was issued by the General

4 Assembly in 2009 and has only been amended a handful of times since then; and

5 WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the time has come to review the powers and duties

6 of the mayor and city council under the current charter; and

7 WHEREAS, the Senate delegation would benefit from a study of the city charter of the City

8 of Ringgold and the input of citizens of the city on whether the charter needs revision or

9 amendment.

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

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate City of Ringgold
12 Charter Study Committee.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of 12 members to be
14 appointed by the Senate delegation representing the City of Ringgold. Each member of

15 the committee must be a resident of, or own a business located in, the City of Ringgold.
16 The Senate delegation shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
17 committee.

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

21 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
22 must conduct at least two meetings open to the public. The committee may conduct such
23 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to
24 enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish
25 the objectives and purposes of this resolution, provided that all such meetings shall occur
26 in the City of Ringgold.

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

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

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

34 (C) Any nonlegislative members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

35 (6) **Report.**

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

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

43 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
44 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
45 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
46 the Secretary of the Senate. Any member of the committee may file a minority report
47 that shall accompany the majority report.

48 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
49 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

50 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2021.