

House Resolution 191

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Use of Local Fees to Support Affordable
2 Housing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, ensuring that citizens of Georgia have access to affordable housing is of vital
4 importance and serves a paramount public purpose; and

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III(a)(8) of the Georgia
6 Constitution, local governments have the power to provide public housing services, which
7 may include, without limitation, programs and services designed to increase access to
8 affordable housing; and

9 WHEREAS, establishing affordable housing assistance programs in the state will increase
10 Georgians' access to affordable housing and provide substantial benefit to the state and local
11 governments by alleviating burdens on other state and local programs that provide housing
12 and other essential services to low-income and very low-income persons; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the State of Georgia to conduct a study to analyze and
14 recommend changes to local fees so as to better support affordable housing initiatives.

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

16 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
17 on the Use of Local Fees to Support Affordable Housing.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
19 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
21 of the committee.

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

25 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
26 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution; provided, however, that the
29 committee may meet a maximum of five times unless the chairperson, in his or her
30 discretion, determines that additional meetings are necessary.

31 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
32 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
33 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
34 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
35 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
36 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

37 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.