

House Resolution 1008

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A RESOLUTION

1 To ratify amendments to a certain comprehensive state-wide water management plan; to
2 provide for force and effect; to provide for construction; to provide an effective date; to
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., the
5 Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources developed a
6 comprehensive state-wide water management plan and submitted such a plan to the Water
7 Council for adoption; and

8 WHEREAS, the Water Council adopted such a plan on January 8, 2008, and submitted such
9 plan to the General Assembly on January 14, 2008, for consideration by the General
10 Assembly under Code Section 12-5-525 of the O.C.G.A.; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly ratified such plan as H.R. 1022 and the Governor signed
12 such plan, effective February 6, 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, the Water Council reconvened on September 29, 2025, to consider amendments
14 to the comprehensive state-wide water management plan; and

15 WHEREAS, the Water Council adopted such amendments to the comprehensive state-wide
16 water management plan on December 9, 2025, and submitted those amendments to the
17 General Assembly on January 12, 2026, for consideration by the General Assembly under
18 Code Section 12-5-525 of the O.C.G.A.; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the General Assembly to ratify such amendments to the plan
20 pursuant to Code Section 12-5-525 of the O.C.G.A.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

23 (1) That the amendments to the comprehensive state-wide water management plan
24 adopted by the Water Council on December 9, 2025, on file in the office of the director
25 of the Environmental Protection Division, and submitted to the General Assembly on
26 January 12, 2026, are hereby ratified pursuant to Code Section 12-5-525 of the O.C.G.A.;

27 (2) That such amended nonstatutory plan shall have force and effect;

28 (3) That in the event any provision of such amended nonstatutory plan irreconcilably
29 conflicts with any current or future statute enacted by the General Assembly, then, to the
30 extent of the conflict, the provisions of such statute shall control;

31 (4) That this resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon
32 its becoming law without such approval; and

33 (5) That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.