

House Resolution 1832

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Cheokas of the 151st, and Anderson of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Assessment and Collection of Fees by Local
2 Governments; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia counties and municipalities are constitutionally and statutorily
4 authorized to collect taxes and fees to fund the provision of local governmental services; and

5 WHEREAS, local governments in Georgia have assessed and collected a wide variety of fees
6 for the provision of an equally wide variety of services; and

7 WHEREAS, in recent years a number of local governments have been subject to litigation
8 regarding some of their fee assessment and collection practices; and

9 WHEREAS, further study and evaluation of the laws, policies, and procedures utilized in
10 administering the assessment and collection of fees by local governments is warranted.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
12 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
13 on the Assessment and Collection of Fees by Local Governments.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
15 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
17 of the 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 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
23 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
24 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

26 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in
27 Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances
28 authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for
29 more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out
30 the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of
31 Representatives.

32 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

47 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 15, 2026.