

## House Resolution 110

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Election Integrity; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the adoption of Senate Bill 202 in 2021 resulted in significant modifications to  
3 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, also known as the Georgia  
4 Election Code; and
- 5 WHEREAS, among other changes, Senate Bill 202 revised timelines and procedures for  
6 applying for and accepting absentee ballots; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 202 also changed procedures regarding when ballots are tabulated  
8 following the closure of polls; and
- 9 WHEREAS, 2022 represents the first year in which a full election cycle of state-wide and  
10 local elections were conducted following the adoption of Senate Bill 202; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the multitude of changes to the Georgia Election Code that were made in Senate  
12 Bill 202 may have resulted in discrepancies or concerns that negatively impacted voters and  
13 election offices during the 2022 election cycle; and

14 WHEREAS, a thorough study of the impact Senate Bill 202 had on election procedures and  
15 the experiences of voters is warranted so as to determine what appropriate revisions are  
16 needed to the Georgia Election Code to ensure that future elections are free, fair, and timely  
17 while also protecting the rights of all Georgia voters to exercise the franchise to the fullest  
18 extent possible.

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

20 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
21 on Election Integrity.

22 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the  
23 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
25 of the committee.

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

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

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

39 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

54 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.