

House Resolution 528

By: Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Houston of the 170th, Kirby of the 114th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Geographical Distribution of the State Employee
2 Workforce; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia deserve access to the centers of state government; and

4 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia would be better served if the centers of government and
5 the employees that work for the state government were geographically dispersed across the
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, the citizens' trust and belief in the integrity of state government would be better
8 served if the centers of state government were dispersed across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, easier access to the centers of state government would allow more citizens to
10 participate in the democratic process.

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 Geographical Distribution of the State Employee Workforce.

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, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives to serve as chairperson of such 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 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
27 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

28 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
29 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
31 appropriated to the House of 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 31, 2021.