

Senate Resolution 507

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Williams of the 27th, Black of the 8th, Millar of the 40th, Bethel of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Municipal Annexations and Incorporations; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has been faced with the creation of numerous new
4 municipalities in the past few years; and

5 WHEREAS, in that same time period, there have also been legislative proposals for
6 annexations as well as annexation attempts by existing municipalities involving some of the
7 same areas as those proposed for incorporation into new municipalities; and

8 WHEREAS, in other instances, municipal annexations have conflicted with legislative
9 annexations; and

10 WHEREAS, all of these matters have combined to highlight the inherent conflicts and gaps
11 in the current law regarding annexations and the creation of new municipalities; and

12 WHEREAS, there does not seem to be any lessening of the demands for annexations or the
13 creation of new municipalities; and

14 WHEREAS, it is important to study the law regarding these matters to attempt to resolve
15 some of these conflicts and to fill in the gaps in the law.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA:

18 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
19 Municipal Annexations and Incorporations.

20 (2) **Members and officers.**

21 (A) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

22 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate as members
23 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

24 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the
25 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
26 members as cochairperson.

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

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

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

35 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
36 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

37 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
38 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
40 appropriated to the Senate and House of Representatives.

41 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

53 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
54 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
55 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

56 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.