

Senate Resolution 609

By: Senator Parent of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Annexation, Deannexation, and Incorporation Study Committee; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the issues relating to the local legislative process are of the utmost importance;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the procedures for duly introducing and enacting local legislation involving
6 annexation, deannexation, and incorporation are of especially great significance, often
7 affecting a large number individuals in a meaningful and comprehensive way; and

8 WHEREAS, such procedures can be complex and may not afford sufficient notice to
9 stakeholders; and

10 WHEREAS, the potential for problems and conflicts resulting from annexation,
11 deannexation, and incorporation is more likely when the process is not well understood and
12 when affected parties are not sufficiently notified; and

13 WHEREAS, there is a clear need to review current annexation, deannexation, and
14 incorporation laws and procedures and consider ways of addressing negative impacts and
15 ensuring that the process is clear, open, equitable, and in the best interest of the citizens of
16 Georgia.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

18 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Annexation,
19 Deannexation, and Incorporation Study Committee.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
21 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall
22 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

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

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

33 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
34 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
35 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
36 appropriated to the Senate.

37 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

49 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
50 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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