

RESOLUTION**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO COVENE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICKING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly support convening a study committee to evaluate the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission;

WHEREAS, every ten years based on the Federal Census data, district boundaries for Federal, State, and Local elected offices are redrawn as necessary to ensure equal representation of a jurisdictional population;

WHEREAS, Redistricting is designed to provide the public with organized understanding of their elected representation on the Federal, State and, Local levels and equal opportunity to participate in electing representatives but has become synonymous with political polarization and partiality;

WHEREAS, Eight States currently administer Redistricting and Reapportionment through an independent Commission, separate from the States' respective governing authorities, which allows the redistricting process to be conducted in an impartial and efficient manner by prioritizing individual community needs, by professionals who represent community interests, and;

WHEREAS, an Independent Redistricting Commission committed to drawing district maps in a public and transparent manner that will accurately and fairly represent the residents in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and procedures is in the best interest of the citizens of DeKalb County and the State of Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Dekalb County Delegation of the General Assembly convene a study committee to evaluate the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission to conduct all Redistricting and Reapportionment requirements within the State of Georgia.
2. That the study committee review the attached Exhibit A – Washington Constitution Article 2 Section 43 – for potential options for improvement;
3. That the study committee review the attached Exhibit B – Montana Constitution Article 4 Section 14 – for potential options for improvement.
4. The Executive Assistant or designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA NORWOOD-SANDERS, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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