

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT A STUDY COMMITTEE BE CONVENED TO  
REVIEW ANNEXATION REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County’s experience over the past few years has revealed weakness in the process by which annexation disputes are reconciled. These include the scope of authority to limit annexation and the process by which annexations are arbitrated; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbitration Panels should be able to disallow annexations that do not meet minimum criteria for public benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, Definition of such benefit should be negotiated through annexation/planning agreements negotiated periodically by cities and counties to define appropriate conditions for annexation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested:

1. The Dekalb County Delegation of the General Assembly convene a study committee to review annexation reform;
2. Review the attached Exhibit A for potential options for improvement;

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer

November 6, 2020

DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney