

Senate Resolution 1EX1

By: Senators Scott of the 36th, Starr of the 44th, Walker of the 22nd and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the Senate for the 2001 Special Sessions of the General Assembly of
2 Georgia; to provide for automatic repeal; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Rules of the Senate in force on March 21st
4 of the 2001 Regular Session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the Rules of the
5 Senate for the 2001 Special Sessions with the following exceptions:

6 Amend Rule 96 which reads as follows:

7 "Rule 96. No matter shall be reconsidered more than once."

8 by adding at the end thereof the following:

9 "**A motion to reconsider shall not itself be subject to reconsideration.**"

10 Amend Rule 97 which reads as follows:

11 "Rule 97. All bills and resolutions reconsidered shall take their place at the foot of the
12 calendar of bills then in order for a third reading; however, during the last twenty-five (25)
13 legislative days of each session, a reconsidered bill or resolution which was passed or
14 adopted shall take its place at the foot of the Rules Calendar, and a reconsidered bill or
15 resolution which was defeated shall be placed on the General Calendar."

16 by striking the Rule in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 "**Rule 97. During a special session, all bills and resolutions reconsidered shall take**
18 **their place at the foot of the calendar of bills then in order for a third reading.**"

19 Amend Rule 105 which reads as follows:

1 "Rule 105. (a) No bill or resolution requiring the concurring vote of the House for
2 passage shall be introduced unless the same shall have been filed in the office of the
3 Secretary before 12:00 noon on the previous day.

4 (b) No general bill or resolution having the effect of law shall be introduced or read the
5 first time and referred to any committee after the thirty-third (33rd) day of any regular
6 session. The provisions of this paragraph shall in no case be suspended except by a
7 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members to which the Senate is entitled, and any such
8 motion shall be submitted in writing to the Senate and referred to the Committee on
9 Rules and reported upon by the Committee before being submitted to the Senate.

10 (c) When a general bill or resolution is received from the House during a period when the
11 Senate is in recess on the thirty-third (33rd) day of a regular session, the bill or resolution
12 may be read and referred to committee by the presiding officer during such period of
13 recess. The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain during such period of recess a public
14 listing of all bills so read and referred. Any Senator who desires to move to engross any
15 such bill or resolution must serve written notice of his or her intention to do so by
16 delivering such written notice to the Secretary before midnight of that thirty-third (33rd)
17 day. When notice is so given, further proceedings on a motion to engross shall be as
18 provided in Rule 106A, except as otherwise provided in this rule."

19 by striking the Rule in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

20 **"Rule 105. On the first day of a special session a bill or resolution requiring the**
21 **concurring vote of the House of Representatives for passage may be introduced if it**
22 **has been filed with the Secretary prior to the time for First Reading and Reference**
23 **of Senate Bills and Resolutions in the Order of Business."**

24 Amend Rule 156 by striking paragraphs (d) and (e) which read as follows:

25 "(d) After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for five (5) days and has
26 failed to make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the Senate,
27 on motion and by a majority vote of all members elected to the Senate, may discharge
28 the Senate conferees and appoint new conferees, instruct said Senate conferees, or make
29 any other motion not contrary to the Rules of the Senate. Provided, that during the last
30 five (5) days of the session, the above motions may be made and passed at any time, but
31 not more often than every three (3) hours.

1 (e) All Conference Committee reports shall be printed and distributed to the Senators
2 one hour prior to consideration of the same, except that after the thirty-ninth
3 (39th) day of any regular session the same may be dispensed with by a two-thirds (2/3)
4 vote of all the members elected to the Senate."

5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **"(d) After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for twenty-four (24) hours**
7 **and has failed to make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the**
8 **President of the Senate may discharge the Senate conferees and appoint new**
9 **conferees, or, after forty-eight (48) hours, the Senate, on motion and by a majority**
10 **vote of all members elected to the Senate, may discharge the Senate conferees and the**
11 **President shall appoint new conferees.**

12 (e) All Conference Committee reports shall be printed and distributed to the Senators
13 two hours prior to consideration of the same, except that during a special session the
14 same may be dispensed with by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members elected to
15 the Senate."

16 and by adding after Rule 156 a new Rule 156.1 to read as follows:

17 **"Rule 156.1. During a special session, any amendment or substitute to a bill**
18 **reapportioning Congressional, Senate, or House of Representative districts offered**
19 **by a Senator or Senators must be a complete plan including all districts in the state;**
20 **provided, however, that any Senator or Senators offering an amendment or substitute**
21 **to a bill shall be allowed appropriate time, as determined by the President of the**
22 **Senate, to have same prepared by the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment**
23 **Office and the Office of Legislative Counsel. An appropriate map must accompany**
24 **the plan and must give accurate information and data for each district including**
25 **district number, total district population, percentage deviation from ideal district**
26 **population, black population as a percentage of the district population, black voting**
27 **age population, and black voting age population as a percentage of district voting age**
28 **population."**

29 Amend Rule 217 which reads as follows:

1 "Rule 217. (a) No suspension of, change in, or addition to these rules shall be made, unless
2 such proposed change, addition or suspension be first referred in writing to the
3 Committee on Rules and reported back to the Senate. Provided, that the rules may
4 be suspended by unanimous consent of the Senate without referral to the Committee on
5 Rules, when not prohibited by the rules, acts, or the Constitution.

6 (b) The Committee on Rules must report rules changes, additions, or suspensions,
7 submitted to it, immediately after the confirmation of the Journal on the day following
8 the introduction in the Senate of the proposed change, addition, or suspension. A
9 failure to so report such proposed suspension, change, or addition to these rules
10 within two days shall automatically bring said proposed suspension, change, or
11 addition before the Senate for consideration."

12 by striking it in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

13 **"Rule 217. (a) No change in or addition to these rules shall be made, unless such**
14 **proposed change or addition is first referred in writing to the Committee on Rules**
15 **and reported back to the Senate.**

16 **(b) The rules may be suspended by unanimous consent or with the consent of two**
17 **thirds (2/3) of the members to which the Senate is entitled without referral to the**
18 **Committee on Rules, when not prohibited by the law or the Constitution.**

19 **(c) The Committee on Rules must report rules changes or additions submitted to**
20 **it immediately after the confirmation of the Journal on the day following the**
21 **introduction in the Senate of the proposed change or addition. A failure to so**
22 **report such proposed change or addition to these rules within two days shall**
23 **automatically bring said proposed change or addition before the Senate for**
24 **consideration.**

25 **(d) At the beginning of any session, adoption of the Senate Organizational Rules**
26 **resolution shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members to which the**
27 **Senate is entitled. All subsequent resolutions introduced to change or amend the**
28 **Senate Rules shall be assigned to committee and would require a two-thirds (2/3)**
29 **affirmative vote of the members to which the Senate is entitled for adoption."**

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules amendments adopted pursuant to this
2 resolution shall be in effect for the 2001 Special Sessions of the General Assembly only, with
3 the exception of Rules 96 and 217 which shall become a part of the Rules for the 2002
4 Session.