

## Senate Resolution 8

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Brown of the 26th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the Senate; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the following provisions shall be in effect during  
3 the 2007 regular session and thereafter until otherwise provided for by resolution of the  
4 Senate:

5 **PART I**

6 **SECTION 1-1.**

7 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Senate, the  
8 Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized to employ on behalf of the Senate:  
9 a postmaster or postmistress, assistant doorkeepers, a director of pages, pages, aides,  
10 secretaries, stenographers, typists, clerks, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary  
11 personnel; and the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized to provide for  
12 a Senate Research Office, a Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and a Senate Press Office,  
13 including a Senate Photographer, and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and  
14 compensation of personnel so employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Senate  
15 Committee on Administrative Affairs within the limitations of funds appropriated or  
16 otherwise available for the operation of the Senate. Personnel employed pursuant to this  
17 section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time  
18 basis, as may be determined by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs. The  
19 assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined  
20 by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs; and any such personnel may be assigned  
21 to Senate officers, committees, and committee officers as deemed appropriate by the Senate  
22 Committee on Administrative Affairs.

**SECTION 1-2.**

The Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available.

**SECTION 1-3.**

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, who is elected by the Senate, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs.

**PART II****SECTION 2-1.**

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Secretary of the Senate's Office, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to employ for the Secretary's office: an assistant secretary, reading clerks, bill clerks, enrolling and engrossing clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, administrative assistants, secretaries, copy readers, typists, Multilith operators, Xerox operators, collator operators, clerical assistants, terminal operators, document distributors, personnel to distribute bills and other materials for members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Secretary within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Secretary of the Senate's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Secretary. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Secretary.

**SECTION 2-2.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the annual salary of the Secretary of the Senate shall be in the same amount as in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution. In addition to that amount, the Secretary shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General Appropriations Act for employees of the legislative branch of state government. During his or her tenure of office, the Secretary shall also receive the same expense allowance and the same mileage or travel allowance as is received by members of the General Assembly.



1 (b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting  
2 towards the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the Senate is designated  
3 as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday  
4 which: (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after  
5 Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the  
6 expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly  
7 round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees. Each such member  
8 shall provide with his or her claim for such day a brief statement of the nature of the  
9 legislative duties carried out on such day.

#### 10 **SECTION 4-3.**

11 Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as  
12 members of the General Assembly, the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the  
13 Minority Leader each shall receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum, as salary, to be paid  
14 in equal monthly or semimonthly installments; and each Administration Floor Leader shall  
15 receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum, as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or  
16 semimonthly installments.

### 17 **PART V**

#### 18 **SECTION 5-1.**

19 During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the President  
20 of the Senate is empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the Senate and  
21 such other committees as the President of the Senate might create to remain at the Capitol  
22 during any such period of time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed  
23 legislation and other matters. Members of such committees as shall be designated by the  
24 President of the Senate to remain at the Capitol shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel  
25 allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

#### 26 **SECTION 5-2.**

27 The President of the Senate is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the  
28 Senate to serve as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing  
29 such duties as he or she shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve  
30 during the interim and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel  
31 allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The  
32 President of the Senate shall designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall  
33 prescribe the time for which any such committee is authorized to function. The President of

1 the Senate is authorized to extend the time allowed for any committee, whether the  
2 committee is created by resolution or by the President of the Senate. The chairperson of any  
3 standing committee is empowered to authorize his or her committee or any standing  
4 subcommittee of his or her committee to function during the interim for the purpose of  
5 performing such duties as the chairperson shall deem necessary. The members shall receive  
6 the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of  
7 interim legislative committees.

8 **SECTION 5-3.**

9 The Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs shall be authorized to set limits on the  
10 number of days that a member shall receive the allowances authorized in Sections 4-2  
11 (committee of one) and 5-2 (committee meetings during interim). For this purpose a year  
12 shall begin on the opening day of a regular session and end on the day prior to the next  
13 opening day.

14 **PART VI**

15 **SECTION 6-1.**

16 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall  
17 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Senate. The  
18 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds  
19 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Secretary of the Senate's Office.  
20 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from  
21 funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's  
22 Office.

23 **SECTION 6-2.**

24 Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the  
25 appointing authority; and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority  
26 with or without cause.

27 **SECTION 6-3.**

28 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Senate.