

## Senate Resolution 6

By: Senators Williams of the 19th and Rogers of the 21st

## 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 2009 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, clerks, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the Senate  
11 Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized to provide for a Senate Research Office,  
12 a Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and a Senate Press Office, including a Senate  
13 Photographer, and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and compensation of  
14 personnel so employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Senate Committee on  
15 Administrative Affairs within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for  
16 the operation of the Senate. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed  
17 on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be  
18 determined by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs. The assignment and duties  
19 of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Senate  
20 Committee on Administrative Affairs; and any such personnel may be assigned to Senate  
21 officers, committees, and committee officers as deemed appropriate by the Senate Committee  
22 on Administrative Affairs. The Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized  
23 to purchase stationery and postage for use by Senators in the conduct of Senate business.

24 **SECTION 1-2.**

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

28 **SECTION 1-3.**

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

31 **PART II**

32 **SECTION 2-1.**

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

46 **SECTION 2-2.**

47 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia  
48 Annotated, the annual salary of the Secretary of the Senate shall be in the same amount as  
49 in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution. In addition to that amount, the  
50 Secretary shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General  
51 Appropriations Act when granted to other employees of the legislative branch of state  
52 government.

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**PART III**

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**SECTION 3-1.**

55 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of  
56 the President of the Senate's Office, the President of the Senate is authorized to employ in  
57 the President of the Senate's office: interns, aides, secretaries, consultants, and other  
58 necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this  
59 section shall be fixed by the President of the Senate within the limitations of funds  
60 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's Office.  
61 Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary  
62 basis and on a part-time or full-time basis. The duties of personnel employed pursuant to this  
63 section shall be as determined by the President of the Senate.

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**PART IV**

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**SECTION 4-1.**

66 During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,  
67 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special  
68 session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on  
69 official business: the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader.  
70 For each such day spent on official business each of such officers shall receive the expense,  
71 mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim legislative  
72 committees. Each such officer shall provide with his or her claim for such allowances for  
73 each such day a brief statement of the nature of the official business carried out on such day.  
74 These officers shall not be subject to Section 5-3 (limit on number of days).

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**SECTION 4-2.**

76 (a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,  
77 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special  
78 session, each other member of the Senate is designated as a committee of one for the purpose  
79 of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. Subject to any limits  
80 established pursuant to Section 5-3, for each such day of service, each member shall receive  
81 the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of  
82 interim legislative committees. Each such member shall provide with his or her claim for  
83 such allowances for each such day a brief statement of the nature of the legislative duties  
84 carried out on such day.

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

94 **SECTION 4-3.**

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

101 **PART V**

102 **SECTION 5-1.**

103 During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the President  
104 of the Senate is empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the Senate and  
105 such other committees as the President of the Senate might create to remain at the Capitol  
106 during any such period of time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed  
107 legislation and other matters. Members of such committees as shall be designated by the  
108 President of the Senate to remain at the Capitol shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel  
109 allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

110 **SECTION 5-2.**

111 The President of the Senate is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the  
112 Senate to serve as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing  
113 such duties as he or she shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve  
114 during the interim and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel  
115 allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The  
116 President of the Senate shall designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall  
117 prescribe the time for which any such committee is authorized to function. The President of

118 the Senate is authorized to extend the time allowed for any committee, whether the  
119 committee is created by resolution or by the President of the Senate. The chairperson of any  
120 standing committee is empowered to authorize his or her committee or any standing  
121 subcommittee of his or her committee to function during the interim for the purpose of  
122 performing such duties as the chairperson shall deem necessary. The members shall receive  
123 the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of  
124 interim legislative committees.

125 **SECTION 5-3.**

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

131 **PART VI**

132 **SECTION 6-1.**

133 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall  
134 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Senate. The  
135 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds  
136 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Secretary of the Senate's Office.  
137 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from  
138 funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's  
139 Office.

140 **SECTION 6-2.**

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

144 **SECTION 6-3.**

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