

House Resolution 7

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the House of Representatives; and for
2 other purposes.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the following
4 provisions shall be in effect during the 2013 regular session of the General Assembly of
5 Georgia and for the duration of this General Assembly and until otherwise provided for by
6 resolution of the House:

PART 1.

SECTION 1-1.

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9 (a) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the House of
10 Representatives, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ on behalf of the House
11 of Representatives a sergeant-at-arms, a postmaster or postmistress, assistant postmasters or
12 assistant postmistresses, assistant doorkeepers, pages, aides, secretaries, stenographers,
13 typists, clerks, porters, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the
14 Speaker is authorized to provide offices for staff services for the House of Representatives
15 and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and compensation of personnel so
16 employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of
17 funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives.
18 Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary
19 basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Speaker. The
20 assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined
21 by the Speaker; and any such personnel may be assigned to House officers, committees,
22 committee officers, caucuses, and caucus officers as deemed appropriate by the Speaker,
23 including without limitation assignment of aides to the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority
24 Leader, and the Minority Leader.

25 (b) By agreement with the appropriate officer or officers of the Senate, the Speaker of the
26 House may authorize the employment of joint staff and the establishment of joint offices of
27 the General Assembly.

28 **SECTION 1-2.**

29 The Speaker is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide
30 expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or
31 otherwise available.

32 **SECTION 1-3.**

33 The Doorkeeper of the House and the Messenger of the House, who are elected by the
34 House, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.

35 **PART 2.**

36 **SECTION 2-1.**

37 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Clerk of the
38 House's office, the Clerk of the House is authorized to employ for the Clerk's office assistant
39 clerks, reading clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, secretaries, copy readers, typists,
40 Multilith operators, Xerox operators, collator operators, porter-machinists, roll-call operators,
41 clerical assistants, terminal operators, camera operators, supply and mail clerks, document
42 distributors, audio operators, porters, personnel to distribute bills and other materials for
43 members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel
44 employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Clerk within the limitations of funds
45 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's office.
46 Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary
47 basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Clerk. The
48 assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined
49 by the Clerk.

50 **SECTION 2-2.**

51 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia
52 Annotated, the salary of the Clerk of the House shall be the same amount the Clerk was
53 receiving at the time of adoption of this resolution by the House. In addition to that amount,
54 the Clerk shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General
55 Appropriations Act when granted to other employees of the legislative branch of state
56 government. During the Clerk's tenure of office, he or she shall also receive the same

57 expense allowance and the same mileage allowance or travel allowance as received by
58 members of the General Assembly for each day of service rendered by the Clerk.

59 **PART 3.**

60 **SECTION 3-1.**

61 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of
62 the Speaker of the House's Office, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ interns,
63 aides, secretaries, stenographers, typists, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The
64 numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by
65 the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the
66 operation of the Speaker of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section
67 may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis as
68 may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed
69 pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker.

70 **PART 4.**

71 **SECTION 4-1.**

72 During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,
73 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special
74 session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on
75 official business: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader,
76 the Majority Whip, the Minority Leader, the Minority Whip, and the Administration Floor
77 Leaders. For each such day spent on official business, each of such officers shall receive the
78 expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim
79 committees.

80 **SECTION 4-2.**

81 (a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,
82 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special
83 session, each member of the House of Representatives is designated as a committee of one
84 for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. For each
85 such day of service, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances
86 authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall not
87 receive the same for more than seven days each year.

88 (b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting
89 towards the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated
90 as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday
91 which: (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after
92 Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the
93 expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly
94 round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees, if such member has
95 engaged in legislative business on that day, but not otherwise.

96 **SECTION 4-3.**

97 Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as
98 members of the General Assembly, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader shall
99 receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum, and the Administration Floor Leaders each shall
100 receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum. Such amounts shall be received as salary, to be
101 paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments. Prior to serving as an Administration
102 Floor Leader, a Representative must be certified as such by the Governor in writing to the
103 Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House.

104 **PART 5.**

105 **SECTION 5-1.**

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

113 **SECTION 5-2.**

114 The Speaker is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the House to serve
115 as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as the
116 Speaker shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim,
117 and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized
118 by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The Speaker shall
119 designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any
120 such committee is authorized to function. The Speaker is authorized to extend the time

121 allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created by resolution or by the Speaker.
122 The Speaker is authorized to designate standing committees or any subcommittee thereof to
123 function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall
124 deem necessary. The members of any such committee or subcommittee shall receive the
125 expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim
126 legislative committees.

127 **PART 6.**

128 **SECTION 6-1.**

129 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall
130 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of
131 Representatives except that funds for any joint staff or joint offices under subsection (b) of
132 Section 1-1 of this resolution shall come from ancillary funds of the General Assembly. The
133 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds
134 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's office. The
135 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from funds
136 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office.

137 **SECTION 6-2.**

138 Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the
139 appointing authority, and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority
140 with or without cause.

141 **SECTION 6-3.**

142 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the House of
143 Representatives.