

Senate Resolution 1

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the Senate; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Rules of the Senate in effect at the
3 adjournment of the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the
4 Rules of the Senate for the 2013 Regular Session and for the duration of this General
5 Assembly, with the following amendments:

SECTION 1.

7 Said rules are amended by revising Rule 1-1.2 as follows:

8 **"1-1.2 President Pro Tempore**

9 (a) A President Pro Tempore shall be elected by the Senate from among its members by
10 a majority of the Senators voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum. The
11 President Pro Tempore shall act as President in case of the temporary disability of the
12 President of the Senate. In case of the death, resignation, or permanent disability of the
13 President of the Senate or in the event of the succession of the President of the Senate to
14 the executive power, the President Pro Tempore shall become President of the Senate and
15 shall receive the same compensation and allowances as the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the method of determining
17 disability as provided in this Paragraph. (Ga. Const., art. III, sec. III, par. I.)

18 (b) Whenever from any cause the President of the Senate shall be absent, the President Pro
19 Tempore shall preside. If both shall be absent, and no presiding officer shall have been
20 designated pursuant to paragraph (c) of this rule, the Secretary of the Senate shall call the
21 Senate to order and shall preside until the election of an acting presiding officer, which said
22 election shall be the first business of the Senate. The acting presiding officer shall preside
23 until the return of one of the first named officers, at which time his or her functions shall
24 cease.

25 (c) The President of the Senate may, during a day's session, name the President Pro
26 Tempore or, in the absence of the President Pro Tempore, a Senator ~~the designee of the~~
27 ~~President~~ to perform the duties of the Chair during any part of that day, but no longer.

28 (d) While presiding, or in the absence of the President of the Senate, the President Pro
 29 Tempore shall have the same powers and duties as the President of the Senate. (O.C.G.A.
 30 28-1-6)

31 (e) The term of office shall be the time for which the members of the Senate are elected
 32 and until their successors are elected."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 1-2.2 as follows:

35 "(b) All Senate Conference Committee members shall be excused from voting during
 36 meetings of the Conference Committee. The excuse shall be entered in the Journal if the
 37 Conference Committee member notifies the Secretary of the actual time of the meeting
 38 before leaving ~~and after returning to~~ the Chamber."

39 **SECTION 3.**

40 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 1-2.3 as follows:

41 **"1-2.3 Seating in the Senate Chamber**

42 (a) Senators elected to the following offices shall choose their Senate seats in the order
 43 listed below:

44 President Pro Tempore

45 Majority Leader

46 Minority Leader

47 All Senators who have more than 20 years of continuous service in the Senate shall
 48 select their seat in the order of seniority.

49 Majority Whip

50 Minority Whip

51 One Administration Floor Leaders Leader

52 Chairman of the Rules Committee

53 Two seats chosen by the Majority Whip for Deputy Whips

54 One seat chosen by the Minority Whip for Deputy Whip

55 (b) All other Senators shall be seated by district number in ascending numerical order
 56 commencing with the lowest permanently numbered available seat.

57 (c) Only on the first day of the first regular session of a General Assembly and at no other
 58 time, any two members may, by mutual agreement communicated in writing to the
 59 Secretary of the Senate, exchange with each other the seats which would otherwise be
 60 assigned to them under this rule.

61 (d) If a Senator listed in paragraph (a) of this rule resigns his or her position or loses his
 62 or her title, the successor to such position or title shall assume that member's seat in the
 63 chamber for the duration of the term at the sole option of such successor."

64 **SECTION 4.**

65 Said rules are further amended in Rule 1-4.4 by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as
 66 follows:

67 "(c)(1) As used in this paragraph, the term 'gift' means anything of economic value for
 68 which no consideration is given and that is unrelated to a Senator's nonpublic business
 69 or charitable activities; provided, however, that such term does not include anything that
 70 the Senator is required by law to report in compliance with campaign finance disclosure
 71 laws.

72 (2) No Senator shall accept any gift, other than those specified in subparagraph (3) of
 73 this paragraph, with a value in excess of \$100.00 from a registered lobbyist or a single
 74 gift from a group of registered lobbyists with a value in excess of \$100.00.

75 (3) The following items may be accepted from a registered lobbyist or group of
 76 registered lobbyists without regard to the limit established by subparagraph (2) of this
 77 paragraph:

78 (A) An award, plaque, certificate, memento, or similar item given in recognition of the
 79 recipient's civic, charitable, political, professional, or public service;

80 (B) Food, beverages, or event registration or admission made available to all members
 81 of the General Assembly, the Senate, or any caucus, committee, or subcommittee of
 82 such bodies or provided at activities to which said members are invited;

83 (c) Actual and reasonable expenses for admission, registration, food, beverages, travel,
 84 and lodging attributed to participating in events, seminars, or educational programs
 85 sponsored by or in conjunction with a civic, charitable, governmental, educational,
 86 professional, community, or business organization or institution where attendance is
 87 related to the Senator's official duties;

88 (D) Promotional items generally distributed to the general public or to public officers;

89 (E) Unsolicited items temporarily loaned to the Senator for the purpose of testing,
 90 evaluation, or review, if the Senator has no personal beneficial interest in the eventual
 91 acquisition of the item loaned; and

92 (F) Informational material, publications, memberships, or subscriptions related to the
 93 Senator's performance of his or her official duties.

94 (4) Any complaints or presumed violations of this paragraph shall be subject to Rule
 95 1-4.10 and review and action by the Senate Ethics Committee. Return of items, donation
 96 of items, or full or partial refund of any gift exceeding the limits of this paragraph within

97 30 days of notification by the Senate Ethics Committee shall raise a presumption that no
 98 further committee action is required.

99 (5) Nothing in this paragraph shall abrogate or limit paragraph (b) of this Rule.

100 (6) Nothing in this paragraph is intended to relieve any Senator from compliance with
 101 any statute now or hereafter in force regarding financial reporting requirements.

102 (7) Upon certification to the Secretary of the Senate by the Chairman of the Senate
 103 Ethics Committee that a statute has been enacted providing for limitation of lobbyist gifts,
 104 this paragraph shall automatically be repealed."

105 SECTION 5.

106 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 1-4.10 as follows:

107 "1-4.10 Ethics Complaints

108 ~~(a)(1) A complaint shall be initiated by the filing of a statement alleging a violation of~~
 109 ~~any section of Part Four of Section One of these Rules may only be brought by a Senator~~
 110 ~~or Senate staff, aides, or interns. Such complaint shall be initiated by filing a complaint~~
 111 ~~with the Secretary of the Senate specifically describing the nature of the alleged violation~~
 112 ~~and the party or parties involved and shall be signed by the complainant and verified~~
 113 ~~under oath. If a person who the complainant is directly supervised by the Secretary of~~
 114 ~~the Senate and he or she has a complaint against the Secretary of the Senate, then such~~
 115 ~~complaint may shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore. A complaint may be~~
 116 ~~brought only by any Senator or Senate staff, aides, interns and volunteers. The complaint~~
 117 ~~shall specifically describe the nature of the alleged violation and the party or parties~~
 118 ~~involved and shall be signed by the complainant and verified under oath. The Secretary~~
 119 ~~of the Senate, or the President Pro Tempore, person receiving such complaint shall~~
 120 ~~maintain the original complaint in confidence and shall promptly refer deliver a copy of~~
 121 ~~the complaint to the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, who shall schedule a meeting~~
 122 ~~of the Committee to investigate the complaint utilizing in-house staff and counsel and~~
 123 ~~investigators as the Committee deems necessary. unless the subject of the complaint is~~
 124 ~~the Chairman of the Committee and in such event such complaint shall be delivered to~~
 125 ~~the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Ethics who shall oversee all matters pertaining~~
 126 ~~to such complaint and shall act as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics for such~~
 127 ~~complaint. The Committee on Ethics (hereinafter in this Rule "the Committee") shall~~
 128 ~~promptly serve the named respondent with a copy of the complaint by personal service~~
 129 ~~or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or electronically if agreed to by the~~
 130 ~~respondent. If the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics is the subject of the complaint,~~
 131 ~~then the Chairman shall recuse himself or herself and such proceedings of the Committee~~
 132 ~~regarding such complaint shall be overseen in their entirety by the Vice-Chairman of the~~

133 ~~Committee. The Committee shall promptly serve the named respondent with a copy of~~
 134 ~~the complaint. Service of such complaint shall be by personal service or by certified~~
 135 ~~mail, return receipt requested.~~

136 (2) Any complaint under Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A.
 137 shall be brought, filed, and served as provided in said part.

138 (b) The Committee may also initiate an ethics investigation on its own initiative by
 139 majority vote of the Committee. ~~Within~~ If the Committee issues a complaint, it shall do
 140 so within a reasonable time following the Committee's initiation of such investigation;
 141 ~~however, by a majority of the Committee shall sign~~ signing a complaint that specifically
 142 describes the nature of the alleged violation and the party or parties involved. The
 143 Committee shall promptly serve the ~~named~~ respondent with a copy of the complaint and
 144 service of such complaint shall be by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt
 145 requested, or electronically if agreed to by the respondent.

146 (c) Any complaint brought by or before the Committee and all records and information
 147 related to such complaint shall remain confidential until the Committee has determined that
 148 ~~substantial cause exists~~ reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Part Four of
 149 Section One of these Rules or any violation of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45
 150 of the O.C.G.A. occurred. If the Committee determines that ~~substantial~~ reasonable cause
 151 to believe that such violation does not exist ~~that a violation occurred~~, the complaint and all
 152 records and information related to such complaint shall remain confidential.

153 (d) After the Chairman receives a complaint, either pursuant to this Rule or pursuant to
 154 Code Section 45-10-91, the Committee or a subcommittee thereof appointed by the
 155 Chairman shall preliminarily investigate the complaint.

156 ~~(d)~~(e) Upon completion of ~~an~~ a preliminary investigation, which shall include an
 157 assessment of jurisdiction, the individuals conducting the investigation shall prepare a
 158 written report detailing ~~the investigation~~ their findings and shall present such report to the
 159 members of the Committee. Such report shall remain confidential except as provided in
 160 paragraph (c). The Committee shall determine whether it has jurisdiction over the
 161 complaint. If the Committee determines it does not have jurisdiction over the complaint,
 162 it shall dismiss the complaint with written notice to the complainant and respondent and
 163 such matter shall remain confidential except as provided in paragraph (c). If the
 164 Committee dismisses the complaint for lack of jurisdiction, it may proceed pursuant to
 165 paragraph (b). If the Committee determines it has jurisdiction, ~~but~~ If the Committee does
 166 not find that evidence exists to provide substantial cause to determine that a violation has
 167 occurred reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Part Four of Section One of these
 168 Rules or any violation of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A.
 169 occurred, it shall dismiss the complaint with written notice to the ~~complaining party~~

170 complainant and the respondent and such matter shall remain confidential. If the
 171 Committee determines it has jurisdiction and finds ~~substantial cause to determine that a~~
 172 ~~violation has~~ reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Part Four of Section One of
 173 these Rules or any violation of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A.
 174 occurred, the Committee may negotiate a settlement with the respondent or set the matter
 175 for a hearing.

176 ~~(e)~~(f) Any negotiated settlement shall be a matter of public record and shall be filed with
 177 the Secretary of the Senate.

178 ~~(g)~~ If ~~no~~ a negotiated settlement is not reached, the Committee will hold open hearings,
 179 taking any relevant evidence that addresses the ~~charges~~ complaint. The Committee may
 180 require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of materials which
 181 the Committee deems advisable and may administer oaths and affirmations. The
 182 respondent shall receive reasonable notice of any hearing and shall be entitled to receive
 183 within a reasonable time before the hearing copies of all material before the Committee that
 184 is not otherwise exempt from disclosure under ~~the Georgia Open Records Law~~ Article 4
 185 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.; to secure counsel of his or her choosing; and to
 186 examine any witnesses who may be called by the Committee to appear at any hearing. The
 187 respondent shall also have the right to call witnesses and present evidence at any hearing.
 188 The Committee shall assure that all hearings are recorded. The Committee shall have the
 189 burden of proof. Both the Committee and the respondent shall be entitled to rebuttal.
 190 Upon completion of such hearing, the Committee shall issue a report of its findings and
 191 recommendations of action. The Committee's report and recommended action shall be a
 192 matter of public record and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

193 ~~(f)~~(h) The Committee ~~on Ethics~~ must find "clear and convincing evidence" in order to
 194 conclude that a violation of Part Four of Section One of these Rules or a violation of Part
 195 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A. has occurred.

196 ~~(g)~~(I) If the Committee ~~on Ethics~~ finds a Senator in violation of Part Four of Section One
 197 of these Rules or of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., it may
 198 recommend to the Senate a sanction or penalty including a letter of reprimand, ~~to the~~
 199 ~~Senate~~ or any penalty set forth in the Georgia Constitution under Article III, Section IV,
 200 Paragraph VII. The Senate may independently initiate action against a Senator pursuant
 201 to the Georgia Constitution, art. III, sec. IV, par. VII.

202 ~~(h)~~(j) If the Committee ~~on Ethics~~ finds a Senate staff member, aide, intern or volunteer in
 203 violation of Part Four of Section One of these Rules, it may recommend a sanction or
 204 penalty, up to and including dismissal, to the Administrative Affairs Committee. The
 205 Administrative Affairs Committee may implement the recommendation of the Committee

206 ~~on Ethics~~ or take alternate action, including dismissing the complaint, issuing a lesser
 207 penalty or issuing a harsher penalty than that recommended by the Committee ~~on Ethics~~.
 208 ~~(i)(k)~~ Persons who report to the Committee ~~on Ethics~~ regarding an alleged violation of Part
 209 Four of Section One of these Rules, or any other government entity regarding such
 210 violation, shall not be subjected to reprisal, retaliation, harassment, discrimination, or
 211 ridicule by Senators or staff, nor shall the confidentiality provisions contained herein be
 212 abridged."

213 SECTION 6.

214 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (a) of Rule 1-5.1 as follows:

215 "(a) All sessions of the Senate and all meetings of Senate committees shall be open to the
 216 public, except by a majority vote of a quorum of a committee or subcommittee, ~~a.~~ A
 217 meeting may be closed to the public when the committee or subcommittee is:
 218 (1) ~~discussing~~ Discussing the future acquisition of real estate;
 219 (2) ~~discussing~~ Discussing the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public officer
 220 or employee or disciplinary action against such officer or employee;
 221 (3) ~~hearing~~ Hearing complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee,
 222 unless ~~the~~ such officer or employee requests that the meeting be open to the public or a
 223 hearing is required to be open pursuant to paragraph (g) of Rule 1-4.10."

224 SECTION 7.

225 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-1.1 as follows:

226 "2-1.1 Committee on Assignments

227 The Committee on Assignments shall be composed of the President of the Senate,
 228 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Majority Leader, ~~the Majority Caucus~~
 229 ~~Chairperson, the Majority Whip, the Majority Caucus Vice-Chair, the Majority Caucus~~
 230 ~~Secretary~~, and two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate. The President Pro
 231 Tempore of the Senate or his designee shall serve as Chair of the committee. The Chair
 232 shall vote only to break a tie. Actions of this committee shall be reported to the Senate by
 233 the committee chairperson as necessary. The meetings of this committee shall be closed
 234 to the public."

235 SECTION 8.

236 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-1.2 as follows:

237 "2-1.2 Committee on Administrative Affairs

238 There shall be a Committee on Administrative Affairs composed of the President of the
 239 Senate, the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, the Secretary

240 of the Senate, and three members appointed by the President of the Senate. This
 241 Committee shall have the responsibility of employing, supervising, disciplining, and setting
 242 the compensation of all aides, secretaries, and other personnel for the Senate, including the
 243 Senate Budget and Evaluation, Senate Press, and Senate Research offices. The Committee
 244 shall supervise the purchase and allotment of supplies for the Senate. This Committee shall
 245 also supervise and approve all out-of-state travel of members of the Senate and staff. The
 246 Committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore or his or her designee."

247 **SECTION 9.**

248 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-1.3 as follows:

249 **"2-1.3 Standing Committees; Number of Members**

250 (a) The Committee on Assignments shall appoint standing committees and the maximum
 251 number of Senators which may serve on that committee as follows:

252 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS - 7
 253 APPROPRIATIONS - 30
 254 BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - 10
 255 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 12
 256 EDUCATION AND YOUTH - 10
 257 ETHICS - 13
 258 FINANCE - 10
 259 GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT - 11
 260 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 13
 261 HIGHER EDUCATION - 9
 262 INSURANCE AND LABOR - 9
 263 INTERSTATE COOPERATION - 5
 264 JUDICIARY - 11
 265 JUDICIARY, NON-CIVIL - 11
 266 NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT - 11
 267 PUBLIC SAFETY - 8
 268 REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING - 15
 269 REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES - ~~10~~11
 270 RETIREMENT - 7
 271 RULES - 14
 272 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - 5
 273 SPECIAL JUDICIARY - 9
 274 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS - 7
 275 STATE INSTITUTIONS AND PROPERTY - 7

276 TRANSPORTATION - 10

277 URBAN AFFAIRS - 11

278 VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY - 6

279 (b) The above limitations shall not apply when the Committee on Assignments appoints
280 a Senator to committees if that Senator was duly elected in a special election."

281 **SECTION 10.**

282 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-1.6 as follows:

283 **"2-1.6 Committee Reports**

284 (a) All reports of a committee shall be in writing, and the minority of a committee, signed
285 by any member, may make a report in writing, setting forth succinctly the reasons for their
286 dissent. Notice of a Minority Report must be given when the Majority Report is read and
287 shall be recorded in the Journal of the Senate. A Minority Report must be filed with the
288 Secretary of the Senate before the third reading and consideration of the bill or resolution
289 dissented to and shall also become a part of the official record of the Senate.

290 (b) If the report of a committee is favorable to the passage of a General bill or resolution,
291 the same shall be given a second reading without question, and any Local bill or resolution
292 shall be placed on the Local Consent Calendar."

293 **SECTION 11.**

294 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 2-1.10 as follows:

295 "(b) The Committee on Rules may refer any bill or resolution ~~before it~~ on the General
296 Calendar back to the committee which has reported out such bill or resolution or to any
297 other committee selected by the Committee on Rules."

298 **SECTION 12.**

299 Said rules are further amended by adding a new Rule 2-1.11 to read as follows:

300 **"2-1.11 Audit Subcommittee of Rules**

301 The Senate Rules Committee shall designate in writing an audit subcommittee to examine
302 and review, not less than once every two months, legislative expenditures, including all
303 vouchers submitted by members of the Senate, as provided for in subsection (e) of Code
304 Section 28-1-8, for which the members have received payment. The subcommittee is
305 authorized to issue reports of its examination and review."

306 **SECTION 13.**

307 Said rules are further amended by adding a new Rule 2-1.12 to read as follows:

308 **"2-1.12 Enrolling and Journals Subcommittee of the Senate**309 The Senate Rules Committee shall be the Subcommittee of the Senate on Enrolling and
310 Journals and shall certify by signature of the Chairman that all engrossed and enrolled
311 Senate legislation has been properly prepared."312 **SECTION 14.**

313 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (a) of Rule 2-3.1 as follows:

314 "(a) Each Senator shall be appointed to serve on four standing committees provided for in
315 this Rule; and no more; except that:316 (1) Membership on the Committee on Assignments or the Committee on Administrative
317 Affairs shall not count as one of the four committees;:318 (2) Membership on the Committee on Ethics, ~~the Committee on Government Oversight,~~
319 ~~the Committee on Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Reapportionment and~~
320 ~~Redistricting, and the Committee on Interstate Cooperation (which is created by law)~~
321 shall not count as one of the four committees, except that the Chairmen of these
322 committees shall count the committee as one of his or her four committees.; and323 (3) Membership on a nonstanding committee shall not count as one of the four
324 committees."325 **SECTION 15.**

326 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-4.2 as follows:

327 **"2-4.2 Votes by Proxy and ~~Abstentia~~ Abstention Prohibited - Exemption**328 No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy; however, committee
329 participation and vote via video conference or teleconference may be allowed at the
330 discretion of the Chair in cases of military service. Members may not abstain from voting
331 unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary
332 interest in the result of such vote which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator
333 or the Senator's immediate family."334 **SECTION 16.**

335 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 2-8.3 as follows:

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

340 during the first thirty-five (35) days of any regular session. During the thirty-sixth (36th)
 341 through the fortieth (40th) days of any regular session, such reports shall be printed and
 342 distributed to the Senators at least one (1) hour prior to consideration of the same."

343 **SECTION 17.**

344 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-8.4 as follows:

345 **"2-8.4 Time Limit; Discharge; Appointment of New Members**

346 After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for five (5) days and has failed to
 347 make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the Senate, on motion and
 348 by a majority vote of all members elected to the Senate, may discharge the Senate
 349 conferees and ~~appoint~~ new conferees shall be appointed as provided in Rule 2-8.1, instruct
 350 said Senate conferees, or make any other motion not contrary to the Rules of the Senate;;
 351 ~~Provided, provided that,~~ during the last five (5) days of the session, the above motions may
 352 be made and passed at any time, but not more often than every twenty-four hours."

353 **SECTION 18.**

354 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 3-1.3 as follows:

355 **"3-1.3 Distribution of Bills**

356 The Secretary of the Senate shall, as soon as possible after any bill or resolution is filed in
 357 his or her office, print for distribution and release a copy thereof to the internet. Whenever
 358 any such bill or resolution of general application shall be reported back by the committee
 359 to which it was referred with the recommendation that it do pass as amended, the Secretary
 360 of the Senate shall print for distribution and release a copy thereof to the internet. ~~No bill~~
 361 ~~or resolution of general application shall be placed for passage unless copies of the same~~
 362 ~~and any committee amendments shall have been printed and placed in each Senator's~~
 363 ~~calendar book prior to consideration for passage.~~ The Senate may at any time by the vote
 364 of a majority of those voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, suspend action
 365 upon any pending bill or resolution of general application until all amendments offered on
 366 the floor of the Senate shall have been printed and distributed to the Senators."

367 **SECTION 19.**

368 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 3-1.8 as follows:

369 **"3-1.8 Failed Bills; Prohibition Against Being Proposed Again Reintroduction**

370 No bill or resolution intended to have the effect of law which shall have been rejected by
 371 either house shall again be proposed during the same regular or special session under the
 372 same or any other title without the consent of two-thirds of the house by which the same
 373 was rejected. (Ga. Const., art. III, sec. V, par. XII.)"

374 **SECTION 20.**

375 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (a) of Rule 4-2.1 as follows:

- 376 "(a)1. Report of the Committee on the Journal.
 377 2. Reading of the Journal.
 378 3. Motions to Reconsider.
 379 4. Confirmation of the Journal.
 380 5. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
 381 6. First Reading and Reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.
 382 7. First Reading and Reference of House Bills and Resolutions, which shall also be in
 383 order at any later time when no other business is pending.
 384 8. Reports of Standing Committees.
 385 9. Second Reading of General Bills and Resolutions.
 386 10. Call of the Roll.
 387 11. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.
 388 12. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of Georgia.
 389 13. Prayer of the Chaplain.
 390 14. Unanimous Consents.
 391 15. Points of Personal Privilege.
 392 ~~16.~~ Adoption of Privileged Resolutions.
 393 ~~17.~~ Motions to withdraw bills or resolutions from one committee and commit to
 394 another committee.
 395 ~~18.~~ Passage of Local Uncontested Bills and Resolutions, which shall also be in order
 396 at any later time when no other business is pending.
 397 ~~19.~~ Consideration of Local Contested Bills and Resolutions, which shall also be in
 398 order at any later time when no other business is pending.
 399 ~~20.~~ General Consent Calendar for Commemorative Resolutions.
 400 ~~21.~~ Motions to Engross.
 401 ~~22.~~ Third Reading and Consideration of General Bills and Resolutions.
 402 ~~22. Points of Personal Privilege."~~

403 **SECTION 21.**

404 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (a) of Rule 4-2.3 as follows:

- 405 "(a) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the ~~Committee on Rules~~ Subcommittee of the
 406 Senate on Enrolling and Journals or his or her designee to read the Journal of each day's
 407 proceedings, and report to the Senate that the same is correct before the Journal is read by
 408 the Secretary."

409 **SECTION 22.**

410 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 4-2.4 as follows:

411 "(b) Before reading any bill or resolution the second or third time, the Secretary of the
 412 Senate shall distinctly state its number and the name of the ~~Senator(s)~~ Senator or Senators
 413 by whom introduced; ~~Provided~~ provided, that the General Appropriations Bill and any
 414 supplemental appropriations bills shall have precedence on third reading over all other
 415 matters, even Special Orders, until final disposition of the said bills. ~~Also and further~~
 416 provided, that appropriations bills shall be exempt from the previous day distribution
 417 requirement of paragraph (b) of Rule 2-8.3 and the notice provision of paragraph (b) of
 418 Rule 7-1.10."

419 **SECTION 23.**

420 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (c) of Rule 4-2.8 as follows:

421 "(c) Before the time the General Consent Calendar for Commemorative Resolutions is put
 422 to a vote, if a member of the Senate objects ~~in writing~~ to the inclusion of any bill on the
 423 General Consent Calendar for Commemorative Resolutions, the general resolution on
 424 which the objection is made shall ~~then~~ be voted on separately and shall be the next order
 425 of business placed at the bottom of the calendar of bills of general application then in order
 426 for a third reading."

427 **SECTION 24.**

428 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 6-3.2 as follows:

429 "(b) A motion to lay on the table or to take from the table may be renewed ~~from time to~~
 430 time when new after progress in debate or further business has intervened."

431 **SECTION 25.**

432 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 6-6.1 as follows:

433 "(b) No motion shall be in order to commit a bill or resolution on the Rules calendar until
 434 the bill or resolution has been read a third time. When a motion is made to recommit
 435 legislation carried over from an odd-numbered year which is on the consideration calendar
 436 for the first day of the even-numbered year, there is no third reading requirement."

437 **SECTION 26.**

438 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 6-7.1 as follows:

439 "(b) When the Journal of the preceding day is read, any Senator may move for
 440 reconsideration of any matter therein contained, except such matter that has been
 441 previously reconsidered or transmitted to the House of Representatives. If no motion is

442 made after service of notice or a motion to reconsider being made is lost, legislation having
 443 passed the Senate shall be immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives."

444 **SECTION 27.**

445 Said rules are further amended by adding a new paragraph to Rule 6-8.4 to read as follows:
 446 "(c) Division of a question may not be used to secure separate votes on separate parts of
 447 a bill, substitute, or Conference Committee Report under consideration."

448 **SECTION 28.**

449 Said rules are further amended by revising the caption to Rule 6-9.1 as follows:

450 "**6-9.1 Motion to Engross upon First Reading or Third Reading**"

451 **SECTION 29.**

452 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 7-1.6 as follows:

453 "(b) However, when the Senate adopts a substitute to any bill or resolution other than one
 454 offered by the committee from which the bill was last reported, passage of the bill shall be
 455 suspended at that time. The bill shall then be placed at the top of the Calendar of the next
 456 meeting day of the Senate, at which time the previously adopted substitute shall stand
 457 automatically reconsidered and the substitute and the bill shall be before the Senate for
 458 consideration and passage. On and after the fifth (5th) legislative day of any regular
 459 session, the adopted substitute and bill shall be placed on the General Calendar, subject to
 460 being placed on the Rules Calendar by the Rules Committee. Any amendment offered by
 461 a Senator which contains more than three pages or is more than one-half the length, by
 462 lines or words, of the document which it amends (whichever is less) shall be treated as a
 463 substitute for the purposes of this subsection. The amendment length provisions listed
 464 above shall not apply to either the Supplemental or General Appropriations Bills or Special
 465 Action motions as listed in Rule 7-1.10."

466 **SECTION 30.**

467 Said rules are further amended by adding a new paragraph to Rule 7-1.6 to read as follows:

468 "(d) An amendment or series of amendments offered 'in the nature of a substitute' for the
 469 purpose of circumventing paragraph (b) of this rule shall be out of order. This
 470 determination shall be made by the President. The provisions of this rule shall not apply
 471 to either the Supplemental or General Appropriations Bills."

472 **SECTION 31.**

473 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 7-1.7 as follows:

474 **"7-1.7 Amendments to the Title of a Bill or Resolution**

475 ~~The title of a bill or resolution shall not be considered or amended until the measure has~~
 476 ~~been perfected~~ Whenever amendments are prepared to a bill or resolution that call for
 477 amendments to the title, the amendments must contain the necessary title amendments."

478 **SECTION 32.**

479 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 7-1.10 as follows:

480 "(b) Upon a motion by any Senator, a Special Order or a Special Order Resolution may be
 481 taken up by the Senate at any time following the conclusion of the current business before
 482 the Senate; provided, that, during the first thirty-five (35) days of any regular session,
 483 before any motion specified in paragraph (a) of this rule may be made respecting action
 484 taken by the House which requires a recorded vote for passage, notice of intention to so
 485 move must have been given to the Senate during the previous legislative day."

486 **SECTION 33.**

487 Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (a) of Rule 10-1.3 as follows:

488 "(a) The Committee on Rules must report changes or additions to Senate Rules submitted
 489 to it immediately after the confirmation of the Journal on the legislative day following the
 490 introduction in the Senate of the proposed change or addition. A failure to so report such
 491 proposed change or addition to these rules within two legislative days shall automatically
 492 bring said proposed change or addition before the Senate for consideration."

493 **SECTION 34.**

494 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 10-1.5 as follows:

495 **"10-1.5 Consideration of legislation under Code Section ~~28-12-3~~ pursuant to specific**
 496 **statute**

497 Any legislation which is introduced pursuant to ~~the~~ statutory requirements of ~~Code Section~~
 498 ~~28-12-3~~ of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated shall be considered by the Senate under
 499 ~~procedures specified in that Code section~~ the guidelines of the statute."