#### 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 disability as provided in this Paragraph. (Ga. Const., art. III, sec. III, par. I.) 17 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

Tempore or, in the absence of the President Pro Tempore, a Senator the designee of the 26

27 President to perform the duties of the Chair during any part of that day, but no longer.

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- 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)

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- 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."
- **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

**SECTION 3.** 

- 38 before leaving and after returning to the Chamber."
- 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 order43 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 <u>One</u> Administration Floor <u>Leaders</u> <u>Leader</u>
- 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
- (b) All other Senators shall be seated by district number in ascending numerical ordercommencing 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

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- 97 <u>30 days of notification by the Senate Ethics Committee shall raise a presumption that no</u>
  98 <u>further committee action is required.</u>
  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 <u>any statute now or hereafter in force regarding financial reporting requirements.</u>
- 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 <u>this paragraph shall automatically be repealed.</u>"
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# **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 <u>may only be brought by a Senator</u> 110 or Senate staff, aides, or interns. Such complaint shall be initiated by filing a complaint with the Secretary of the Senate specifically describing the nature of the alleged violation 111 112 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 the Senate and he or she has a complaint against the Secretary of the Senate, then such 114 115 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 of the Committee to investigate the complaint utilizing in-house staff and counsel and 122 investigators as the Committee deems necessary. unless the subject of the complaint is 123 124 the Chairman of the Committee and in such event such complaint shall be delivered to the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Ethics who shall oversee all matters pertaining 125 126 to such complaint and shall act as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics for such complaint. The Committee on Ethics (hereinafter in this Rule "the Committee") shall 127 promptly serve the named respondent with a copy of the complaint by personal service 128 or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or electronically if agreed to by the 129 respondent. If the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics is the subject of the complaint, 130 131 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

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

(2) Any complaint under Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A.
 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 so within a reasonable time following the Committee's initiation of such investigation; 140 141 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 <u>and all records and information</u>

147 <u>related to such complaint</u> shall remain confidential until the Committee has determined that

148 substantial cause exists reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Part Four of

Section One of these Rules or any violation of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45
 of the O.C.G.A. occurred. If the Committee determines that substantial reasonable cause

to believe that such violation does not exist that a violation occurred, the complaint and all
 records and information related to such complaint shall remain confidential.

(d) After the Chairman receives a complaint, either pursuant to this Rule or pursuant to
 Code Section 45-10-91, the Committee or a subcommittee thereof appointed by the
 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, it shall dismiss the complaint with written notice to the complainant and respondent and 162 163 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 paragraph (b). If the Committee determines it has jurisdiction, but If the Committee does 165 not find that evidence exists to provide substantial cause to determine that a violation has 166 occurred reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of Part Four of Section One of these 167 Rules or any violation of Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A. 168 169 occurred, it shall dismiss the complaint with written notice to the complaining party

170 <u>complainant</u> and the respondent <u>and such matter shall remain confidential</u>. If the

171 Committee <u>determines it has jurisdiction and</u> finds <del>substantial cause to determine that a</del>

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 matter175 for a hearing.

176 (e)(f) Any <u>negotiated</u> 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 <u>complaint</u>. The Committee may require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of materials which 180 181 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 examine any witnesses who may be called by the Committee to appear at any hearing. The 186 187 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.

(f)(h) The Committee on Ethics must find "clear and convincing evidence" in order to
 conclude that a violation of Part Four of Section One of these Rules or a violation of Part
 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,

<u>Paragraph VII</u>. The Senate may independently initiate action against a Senator pursuant
 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

206on Ethics or take alternate action, including dismissing the complaint, issuing a lesser207penalty 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 Part209Four of Section One of these Rules, or any other government entity regarding such210violation, shall not be subjected to reprisal, retaliation, harassment, discrimination, or211ridicule by Senators or staff, nor shall the confidentiality provisions contained herein be212abridged."

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# **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, <u>a. A</u>
- 217 meeting may be closed to the public when the committee or subcommittee is:
- 218 (1) discussing <u>Discussing</u> the future acquisition of real estate;
- 219 (2) discussing <u>Discussing</u> the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public officer
- 220 or employee or disciplinary action against such officer or employee; or
- 221 (3) hearing Hearing complaints or charges brought against <u>a</u> public officer or employee,

unless the such officer or employee requests that the meeting be open to the public or a
 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

The Committee on Assignments shall be composed of the President of the Senate, 227 228 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 Tempore of the Senate or his designee shall serve as Chair of the committee. The Chair 231 232 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 to the public." 234

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# **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	<b>BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - 10</b>
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	<b>REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING - 15</b>
269	REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES - <del>10</del> 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
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- 276 **TRANSPORTATION - 10** 277 URBAN AFFAIRS - 11 VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY - 6 278 279 (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.** Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-1.6 as follows: 282 **"2-1.6 Committee Reports** 283 (a) All reports of a committee shall be in writing, and the minority of a committee, signed 284 by any member, may make a report in writing, setting forth succinctly the reasons for their 285 dissent. Notice of a Minority Report must be given when the Majority Report is read and 286 287 shall be recorded in the Journal of the Senate. A Minority Report must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate before the third reading and consideration of the bill or resolution 288 289 dissented to and shall also become a part of the official record of the Senate. (b) If the report of a committee is favorable to the passage of a General bill or resolution, 290 the same shall be given a second reading without question, and any Local bill or resolution 291 292 shall be placed on the Local Consent Calendar." 293 **SECTION 11.** Said rules are further amended by revising paragraph (b) of Rule 2-1.10 as follows: 294 "(b) The Committee on Rules may refer any bill or resolution before it on the General 295 <u>Calendar</u> back to the committee which has reported out such bill or resolution or to any 296 other committee selected by the Committee on Rules." 297 298 **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 The Senate Rules Committee shall designate in writing an audit subcommittee to examine 301 302 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 <u>authorized to issue reports of its examination and review.</u>"

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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

323 (3) Membership on a nonstanding committee shall not count as one of the four
 324 committees."

committees shall count the committee as one of his or her four committees; and

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# **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

No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy; however, committee participation and vote via video conference or teleconference may be allowed at the discretion of the Chair in cases of military service. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family."

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#### **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 <u>during the first thirty-five (35) days of any regular session</u>. 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."
- **SECTION 17.** 343 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 2-8.4 as follows: 344 "2-8.4 Time Limit; Discharge; Appointment of New Members 345 After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for five (5) days and has failed to 346 347 make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the Senate, on motion and by a majority vote of all members elected to the Senate, may discharge the Senate 348 conferees and appoint new conferees shall be appointed as provided in Rule 2-8.1, instruct 349 said Senate conferees, or make any other motion not contrary to the Rules of the Senate-; 350 Provided, provided that, during the last five (5) days of the session, the above motions may 351 352 be made and passed at any time, but not more often than every twenty-four hours." **SECTION 18.** 353 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 3-1.3 as follows: 354 355 **"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 his or her office, print for distribution and release a copy thereof to the internet. Whenever 357
- 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 or resolution of general application shall be placed for passage unless copies of the same 361 362 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 of a majority of those voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, suspend action 364 upon any pending bill or resolution of general application until all amendments offered on 365 the floor of the Senate shall have been printed and distributed to the Senators."
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# 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 <u>Reintroduction</u>**

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

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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	1516. Adoption of Privileged Resolutions.
393	1617. Motions to withdraw bills or resolutions from one committee and commit to
394	another committee.
395	1718. 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	1819. 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	1920. General Consent Calendar for Commemorative Resolutions.
400	2021. Motions to Engross.
401	2122. 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."

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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	<u>Rule 7-1.10</u> ."
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.
427	Section 24. 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."
430	time when new <u>after progress in debate of further</u> 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
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13 LC 25 6114 442 made after service of notice or a motion to reconsider being made is lost, legislation having passed the Senate shall be immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives." 443 444 **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.** Said rules are further amended by revising the caption to Rule 6-9.1 as follows: 449 "6-9.1 Motion to Engross upon First Reading or Third Reading" 450 451 **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 Action motions as listed in Rule 7-1.10." 465 466 **SECTION 30.** 

Said rules are further amended by adding a new paragraph to Rule 7-1.6 to read as follows: *"(d)* An amendment or series of amendments offered 'in the nature of a substitute' for the
purpose of circumventing paragraph (b) of this rule shall be out of order. This
determination shall be made by the President. The provisions of this rule shall not apply
to either the Supplemental or General Appropriations Bills."

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# **SECTION 31.**

- 473 Said rules are further amended by revising Rule 7-1.7 as follows:
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# 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 <u>amendments to the title, the amendments must contain the necessary title amendments."</u>

# 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 <u>before any motion specified in paragraph (a) of this rule may be made respecting action</u>
- 484 <u>taken by the House which requires a recorded vote for passage, notice of intention to so</u>
- 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
- to it immediately after the confirmation of the Journal on the <u>legislative</u> 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 <u>legislative</u> 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 <del>under Code Section 28-12-3</del> <u>pursuant to specific</u>** 

- 496 <u>statute</u>
- 497 Any legislation which is introduced pursuant to the <u>statutory</u> 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."