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Senate Resolution 678

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Mullis of the 53rd and Gooch of the 51st

AS PASSED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

PART I

- 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as
- 4 otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly,
- 5 meetings of the 2016 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday,
- 6 January 11, 2016, through Monday, February 1, 2016, shall be held in accordance with the
- 7 following schedule:

8	Monday, January 11 convene for legislative day 1
9	Tuesday, January 12 convene for legislative day 2
10	Wednesday, January 13 convene for legislative day 3
11	Thursday, January 14 convene for legislative day 4
12	Friday, January 15 convene for legislative day 5
13	Wednesday, January 20 convene for legislative day 6
14	Thursday, January 21 convene for legislative day 7
15	Friday, January 22 convene for legislative day 8
16	Monday, January 25 convene for legislative day 9
17	Tuesday, January 26 convene for legislative day 10
18	Wednesday, January 27 convene for legislative day 11
19	Thursday, January 28 convene for legislative day 12
20	Monday, February 1 convene for legislative day 13

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as
- 22 prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as
- 23 otherwise provided by this resolution. As authorized by said Code section, the hours for
- 24 convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as

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25 ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each

- legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for
- 27 a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next
- 28 legislative day.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schedule for meetings of the 2016 regular session
- 30 to be held subsequent to the latest legislative day specified above shall be as provided by
- 31 another resolution of the General Assembly adopted subsequent to the adoption of this
- 32 resolution.

33 PART II

- 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting
- 35 from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or
- 36 impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta,
- 37 Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary
- 38 location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52,
- 39 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint
- 40 agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution
- 41 and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or
- 42 locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such
- 43 time as they deem practical.
- 44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting
- 45 from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or
- 46 impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta,
- Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary
- 48 location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker
- 49 of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement,
- 50 order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and
- 51 provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton
- 52 County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.
- 53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the
- 54 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of
- 55 the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice
- of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate,

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respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and

- 61 adjournments.
- 62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the
- discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption
- of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of
- Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the
- 66 Constitution.