

Senate Resolution 1EX

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the Georgia Senate for the 2021 special session of the General
2 Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Rules of the Georgia Senate in effect at the
4 adjournment of the 2021 regular session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the
5 Rules of the Georgia Senate for the 2021 special session with the following amendments:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Senate Rule 2-8.3 is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

8 "(b) All Committee of Conference reports shall be printed and distributed to the Senators
9 ~~on the legislative day prior to consideration of the same during the first thirty-six (36) days~~
10 ~~of any regular session. During the thirty-seventh (37th) through the fortieth (40th) days~~
11 ~~of any regular session, such reports shall be printed and distributed to the Senators at least~~
12 two (2) hours prior to consideration of the same; provided that this two (2) hour
13 requirement may be suspended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members to
14 which the Senate is entitled."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Senate Rule 2-8.4 is amended by revising it as follows:

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17 **"2-8.4 Time Limit; Discharge; Appointment of New Members**

18 After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for ~~five (5) days~~ twenty-four hours
19 and has failed to make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the
20 President of the Senate may discharge the conferees and appoint new conferees, or after
21 forty-eight hours, the Senate, on motion and by a majority vote of all members elected to
22 the Senate, may discharge the Senate conferees and new conferees shall be appointed as
23 provided in Rule 2-8.1, instruct said Senate conferees, or make any other motion not
24 contrary to the Rules of the Senate; ~~provided that, after the thirty-fifth (35th) legislative~~
25 ~~day, the above motions may be made and passed at any time, but not more often than every~~
26 ~~twenty-four hours."~~

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 Senate Rule 3-1.2 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

29 "(a)(1) Except for bills providing for Senate, House, or Congressional districts, no ~~No~~
30 bill or resolution requiring the concurring vote of the House for passage shall be
31 introduced unless the same shall have been filed in the office of the Secretary before 4:00
32 P.M. on the previous business day; provided that the same shall be filed before 2:00 P.M.
33 on Fridays.

34 (2) On the first day of a special session, a bill or resolution requiring the concurring vote
35 of the House of Representatives for passage may be introduced if it has been filed with
36 the Secretary prior to the time for first reading and reference of Senate bills and
37 resolutions in the order of business."

38 **SECTION 4.**

39 Senate Rule 4-2.6 is amended by revising it as follows:

40 **"4-2.6 Order for Second Reading; Second Reading After the 35th Day**

41 ~~Any general bill or resolution shall be automatically passed to a second reading~~ Every
42 general bill and resolution shall be read a second time on the same legislative day following
43 the day that the bill or resolution is reported by the committee to which it was referred.
44 ~~Except that after the thirty-fifth (35th) day of any regular session, every bill and resolution~~
45 ~~shall be read a second time on the same legislative day that the bill or resolution is reported~~
46 ~~by the committee to which it was referred.~~ No debate shall be admitted upon any bill at the
47 first or second reading."

48 **SECTION 5.**

49 Senate Rule 4-2.9 is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

50 "(b) The Committee on Rules shall arrange and fix the calendar for each day's business
51 after the fifth (5th) legislative day of each regular session of the General Assembly and for
52 each day of the 2021 special session of the General Assembly. Such calendar shall be a
53 standing and continuing special order during said period. No matter shall be taken up or
54 acted on otherwise than in the order and manner fixed by such calendar, except by a
55 three-fourths vote of those voting, provided such three-fourths constitutes a majority of the
56 members elected to the Senate. This Rule may not be suspended by a two-thirds vote of
57 the Senate."

58 **SECTION 6.**

59 Senate Rule 4-2.13 is amended by revising it as follows:

60 **"4-2.13 Transmittal to the House**

61 No bill or resolution shall be transmitted to the House on the day of passage thereof unless
62 two-thirds of the Senators voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, shall so
63 order; provided, however, that, after the thirty-seventh (37th) legislative day of any regular
64 session, and during the 2021 special session, any bill, resolution, or other matter which

65 requires action by the House shall be immediately transmitted to the House by the
66 Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary shall also immediately transmit Senate bills and
67 resolutions requiring House action on the crossover day after any notice to reconsider is
68 disposed of."

69 **SECTION 7.**

70 Senate Rule 6-7.1 is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

71 "(c) A notice of motion to reconsider a bill or resolution shall take precedence over a
72 motion to transmit and shall have the effect of defeating the motion to transmit; except on
73 the crossover day, ~~and~~ on legislative days thirty-eight (38) through forty (40) of any regular
74 session, and during the 2021 special session, a Senator must give notice immediately of his
75 or her intention to move to reconsider, and the President or the designee of the President
76 shall set a time during the day when the motion will be entertained, so stating the time to
77 the Senate; the time shall be at the discretion of the President or the designee of the
78 President, but not less than ten minutes. If the Senate is considering any other business at
79 the time the motion to reconsider has been set to be entertained, the motion will be taken
80 up upon conclusion of that business."

81 **SECTION 8.**

82 Senate Rule 6-7.5 is amended by revising it as follows:

83 **"6-7.5 Effect of Motion; Return to General Calendar**

84 All bills and resolutions reconsidered shall take their place at the foot of the calendar of
85 bills then in order for a third reading; ~~however, after the fifth (5th) legislative day of each~~
86 ~~session, a reconsidered bill or resolution which was passed or adopted shall take its place~~
87 ~~at the foot of the Rules Calendar, and a reconsidered bill or resolution which was defeated~~
88 ~~shall be placed on the General Calendar."~~

SECTION 9.

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Senate Rule 7-1.6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) During a special session, any proposed change to a bill providing for Senate, House, or Congressional districts offered by a Senator or Senators, must be a complete plan including all districts in the state and shall be a substitute; provided, however, that any Senator or Senators offering a substitute bill shall have been allowed appropriate time, as determined by the President of the Senate, to have the same prepared by the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office and the Office of Legislative Counsel. An appropriate map must accompany the plan and give accurate information and data for each district, including the district number, total district population, percentage deviation from ideal district population, black population as a percentage of district population, and black voting age population as a percentage of district voting age population."