

## Senate Resolution 1EX

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the Georgia Senate for the 2026 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 2026 regular session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the  
5 Rules of the Georgia Senate for the 2026 special session with the following amendments:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Senate Rule 2-1.5 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

8 "(a) A committee may act upon a bill, resolution, or other matter when the Senate is in  
9 session or during a recess or adjournment after the opening day of a regular or special  
10 session and prior to the last day of that session. When a committee so acts during a day of  
11 recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate may accept the report of the committee  
12 on such day, and the committee report shall be received and read by the Senate on the next  
13 day when the Senate is in session. A standing committee may not take official action after  
14 the adjournment sine die of a session and prior to the convening of the next session unless  
15 authorized by statute or by the Senate."

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**SECTION 2.**

17 Senate Rule 2-1.10 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

18 "(a) The Committee on Rules shall arrange and fix the calendar for each day's business  
19 after the fifth (5th) legislative day of each regular session and after the first (1st) day of a  
20 special session of the General Assembly. The committee shall post the calendar as soon  
21 as practicable following the setting of the calendar."

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**SECTION 3.**

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

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

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**SECTION 4.**

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

33 **"2-8.4 Time Limit; Discharge; Appointment of New Members**

34 After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for ~~five (5) days~~ twenty-four (24)  
35 hours and has failed to make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the  
36 President of the Senate may discharge the conferees and appoint new conferees, or after  
37 forty-eight (48) hours, the Senate, on motion and by a majority vote of all members elected  
38 to the Senate, may discharge the Senate conferees and new conferees shall be appointed  
39 as provided in Rule 2-8.1, instruct said Senate conferees, or make any other motion not  
40 contrary to the Rules of the Senate; ~~provided that, after the thirty-fifth (35th) legislative~~

41 ~~day, the above motions may be made and passed at any time, but not more often than every~~  
 42 ~~twenty-four hours."~~

43 **SECTION 5.**

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

45 "(a)(1) Except for bills providing for Senate, House, or Congressional districts and except  
 46 as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no ~~No~~ bill or resolution  
 47 requiring the concurring vote of the House for passage shall be introduced unless the  
 48 same shall have been filed in the office of the Secretary before 4:00 P.M. on the previous  
 49 business day; provided that the same shall be filed before 2:00 P.M. on Fridays.

50 (2) On the first (1st) day of a special session, a bill or resolution requiring the concurring  
 51 vote of the House of Representatives for passage may be introduced if it has been filed  
 52 with the Secretary prior to the time for first reading and reference of Senate bills and  
 53 resolutions in the order of business."

54 **SECTION 6.**

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

56 **"4-2.6 Order for Second Reading**

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

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**SECTION 7.**

65 Senate Rule 4-2.8 is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

66 "(c) The number, authors, and title of each bill on the Local Contested Calendar shall be  
67 read, considered and voted on as provided in the Rules for general legislation, except that  
68 the proponents and opponents shall each be limited to ~~ten (10)~~ three (3) minutes."

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**SECTION 8.**

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

71 "(b) The Committee on Rules shall arrange and fix the calendar for each day's business  
72 after the fifth (5th) legislative day of each regular session of the General Assembly and  
73 after the first (1st) day of a special session. Such calendar shall be a standing and  
74 continuing special order during said period. No matter shall be taken up or acted on  
75 otherwise than in the order and manner fixed by such calendar, except by a ~~three-fourths~~  
76 three-fourths' vote of those voting, provided such three-fourths constitutes a majority of the  
77 members elected to the Senate. This Rule may not be suspended by a ~~two-thirds~~  
78 two-thirds' vote of the Senate."

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**SECTION 9.**

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

81 "4-2.13 **Transmittal to the House**

82 No bill or resolution shall be transmitted to the House on the day of passage thereof unless  
83 two-thirds of the Senators voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, shall so  
84 order; provided, however, that, after the thirty-seventh (37th) legislative day of any regular  
85 session, and anytime during the 2026 special session, any bill, resolution, or other matter  
86 which requires action by the House shall be immediately transmitted to the House by the  
87 Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary shall also immediately transmit Senate bills and

88 resolutions requiring House action on the crossover day after any notice to reconsider is  
89 disposed of."

90 **SECTION 10.**

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

92 "(c) A notice of motion to reconsider a bill or resolution shall take precedence over a  
93 motion to transmit and shall have the effect of defeating the motion to transmit; except on  
94 the crossover day, ~~and~~ on legislative days thirty-eight (38) through forty (40) of any regular  
95 session, and during the 2026 special session, a Senator must give notice immediately of his  
96 or her intention to move to reconsider, and the President or the designee of the President  
97 shall set a time during the day when the motion will be entertained, so stating the time to  
98 the Senate; the time shall be at the discretion of the President or the designee of the  
99 President, but not less than ten (10) minutes. If the Senate is considering any other  
100 business at the time the motion to reconsider has been set to be entertained, the motion will  
101 be taken up upon conclusion of that business."

102 **SECTION 11.**

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

104 **"6-7.5 Effect of Motion; Return to General Calendar**

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

110 **SECTION 12.**

111 Senate Rule 7-1.10 is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

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

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**SECTION 13.**

119 Senate Rule 8-1.7 is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

120 "(c) On all points of personal privilege, individual speeches shall be limited to five (5)  
121 minutes, except that, in a special session, and after the 20th twentieth (20th) day of a  
122 regular session individual speeches shall be limited to three (3) minutes."