

House Resolution 2

By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the House of Representatives; and for
2 other purposes.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the following
4 provisions shall be in effect during the 2025-2026 biennium of the General Assembly unless
5 and until otherwise provided for by resolution of the House:

PART 1**SECTION 1-1.**

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8 (a) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the House of
9 Representatives, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ on behalf of the House
10 of Representatives a sergeant-at-arms, a postmaster or postmistress, assistant postmasters or
11 assistant postmistresses, assistant doorkeepers, pages, aides, secretaries, clerks, court
12 reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the Speaker is authorized to
13 provide offices for staff services for the House of Representatives and to employ personnel
14 for said offices. The numbers and compensation of personnel so employed pursuant to this
15 section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or
16 otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives. Personnel employed

17 pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a
18 part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and
19 duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker;
20 and any such personnel may be assigned to House officers, committees, committee officers,
21 caucuses, and caucus officers as deemed appropriate by the Speaker, including without
22 limitation assignment of aides to the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the
23 Minority Leader.

24 (b) By agreement with the appropriate officer or officers of the Senate, the Speaker of the
25 House may authorize the employment of joint staff and the establishment of joint offices of
26 the General Assembly.

27 **SECTION 1-2.**

28 The Speaker is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide
29 expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or
30 otherwise available.

31 **SECTION 1-3.**

32 The Doorkeeper of the House and the Messenger of the House, who are elected by the
33 House, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.

34 **PART 2**

35 **SECTION 2-1.**

36 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Clerk of the
37 House's Office, the Clerk of the House is authorized to employ for the Clerk's office assistant
38 clerks, reading clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, secretaries, copy readers, clerical
39 assistants, document distributors, audio operators, personnel to distribute bills and other

40 materials for members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of
41 personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Clerk within the limitations
42 of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's
43 Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or
44 temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Clerk.
45 The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as
46 determined by the Clerk.

47 **SECTION 2-2.**

48 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia
49 Annotated, the annual salary of the Clerk of the House shall be as determined by the Speaker.
50 In addition to that amount, the Clerk shall also receive the same percentage salary increase
51 provided in the General Appropriations Act when granted to other employees of the
52 legislative branch of state government. During the Clerk's tenure of office, he or she may,
53 at the discretion of the Speaker, also receive the same expense allowance and the same
54 mileage allowance or travel allowance as received by members of the General Assembly for
55 each day of service rendered by the Clerk.

56 **PART 3**

57 **SECTION 3-1.**

58 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of
59 the Speaker of the House's Office, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ interns,
60 aides, secretaries, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and
61 compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker
62 within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the
63 Speaker of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be

64 employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis as may be
65 determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to
66 this section shall be as determined by the Speaker.

67 **PART 4**

68 **SECTION 4-1.**

69 During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,
70 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special
71 session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on
72 official business: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader,
73 the Majority Whip, the Minority Leader, the Minority Whip, and the Administration Floor
74 Leaders. For each such day spent on official business, each of such officers shall receive the
75 expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim
76 committees.

77 **SECTION 4-2.**

78 (a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session,
79 including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special
80 session, each member of the House of Representatives is designated as a committee of one
81 for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. Subject
82 to any limits established pursuant to Section 5-3 of this resolution, for each such day of
83 service, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized
84 by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

85 (b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting
86 toward the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as
87 a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday

88 which: (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after
89 Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the
90 expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly
91 round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees, if such member has
92 engaged in legislative business on that day, but not otherwise.

93 (c) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting
94 toward the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as
95 a committee of one for the purpose of attending or responding to any legal matter directly
96 related to his or her legislative duties. For each such day of service or portion thereof, each
97 member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for
98 legislative members of interim legislative committees. The provisions of this subsection
99 shall also apply to former members and former staff of the House who are attending or
100 responding to any legal matter based on his or her service after the end of his or her term.

101 **SECTION 4-3.**

102 Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as
103 members of the General Assembly, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader shall
104 receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or
105 semimonthly installments beginning on the first day of the month following the certification
106 by the caucus of any such election. The Administration Floor Leaders each shall receive an
107 amount of \$1,200.00 per annum as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly
108 installments. Prior to serving as an Administration Floor Leader, a Representative must be
109 certified as such by the Governor in writing to the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the
110 House.

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PART 5

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SECTION 5-1.

113 During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the Speaker is
114 empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the House and such other
115 committees as the Speaker might create to remain at the Capitol during any such period of
116 time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed legislation and other matters.
117 Members of such committees as shall be designated by the Speaker to remain at the Capitol
118 shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of
119 interim committees.

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SECTION 5-2.

121 The Speaker is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the House to serve
122 as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as the
123 Speaker shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim,
124 and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized
125 by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The Speaker shall
126 designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any
127 such committee is authorized to function. The Speaker is authorized to extend the time
128 allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created by resolution or by the Speaker.
129 The Speaker is authorized to designate standing committees or any subcommittee thereof to
130 function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall
131 deem necessary. The members of any such committee or subcommittee shall receive the
132 expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim
133 legislative committees.

134 **SECTION 5-3.**

135 The Speaker shall be authorized to set limits on the number of days per year that a member
136 shall receive the allowances authorized in Sections 4-2 (committee of one) and 5-2
137 (committee meetings during interim) of this resolution. For this purpose a year shall begin
138 on the opening day of a regular session and end on the day prior to the opening day of the
139 next regular session.

140 **PART 6**

141 **SECTION 6-1.**

142 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall
143 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of
144 Representatives except that funds for any joint staff or joint offices under subsection (b) of
145 Section 1-1 of this resolution shall come from ancillary funds of the General Assembly. The
146 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds
147 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's Office. The
148 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from funds
149 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office.

150 **SECTION 6-2.**

151 Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the
152 appointing authority, and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority
153 with or without cause.

154 **SECTION 6-3.**

155 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the House of
156 Representatives.