

House Resolution 8

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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 2015-2016 biennium of the General Assembly unless
5 and until otherwise provided for by resolution of the House:

6 **PART 1**

7 **SECTION 1-1.**

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, stenographers,
12 typists, clerks, porters, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the
13 Speaker is authorized to provide offices for staff services for the House of Representatives
14 and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and compensation of personnel so
15 employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of
16 funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives.
17 Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary
18 basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Speaker. The
19 assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined
20 by the Speaker; and any such personnel may be assigned to House officers, committees,
21 committee officers, caucuses, and caucus officers as deemed appropriate by the Speaker,
22 including without limitation assignment of aides to the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority
23 Leader, and the 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, typists,
39 Multilith operators, Xerox operators, collator operators, porter-machinists, roll-call operators,
40 clerical assistants, terminal operators, camera operators, supply and mail clerks, document
41 distributors, audio operators, porters, personnel to distribute bills and other materials for
42 members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel
43 employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Clerk within the limitations of funds
44 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's Office.
45 Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary
46 basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Clerk. The
47 assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined
48 by the Clerk.

49 **SECTION 2-2.**

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

PART 3**SECTION 3-1.**

60 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of
61 the Speaker of the House's Office, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ interns,
62 aides, secretaries, stenographers, typists, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The
63 numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by
64 the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the
65 operation of the Speaker of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section
66 may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis as
67 may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed
68 pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker.

PART 4**SECTION 4-1.**

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

SECTION 4-2.

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

87 (b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting
88 toward the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as
89 a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday which:
90 (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after Monday

91 and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense and
92 travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly round trip)
93 for legislative members of interim legislative committees, if such member has engaged in
94 legislative business on that day, but not otherwise.

95 **SECTION 4-3.**

96 Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as
97 members of the General Assembly, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader shall
98 receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum, and the Administration Floor Leaders each shall
99 receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum. Such amounts shall be received as salary, to be
100 paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments. Prior to serving as an Administration
101 Floor Leader, a Representative must be certified as such by the Governor in writing to the
102 Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House.

103 **PART 5**

104 **SECTION 5-1.**

105 During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the Speaker is
106 empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the House and such other
107 committees as the Speaker might create to remain at the Capitol during any such period of
108 time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed legislation and other matters.
109 Members of such committees as shall be designated by the Speaker to remain at the Capitol
110 shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of
111 interim committees.

112 **SECTION 5-2.**

113 The Speaker is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the House to serve
114 as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as the
115 Speaker shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim,
116 and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized
117 by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The Speaker shall
118 designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any
119 such committee is authorized to function. The Speaker is authorized to extend the time
120 allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created by resolution or by the Speaker.
121 The Speaker is authorized to designate standing committees or any subcommittee thereof to
122 function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall
123 deem necessary. The members of any such committee or subcommittee shall receive the

124 expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim
125 legislative committees.

126 **SECTION 5-3.**

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

132 **PART 6**

133 **SECTION 6-1.**

134 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall
135 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of
136 Representatives except that funds for any joint staff or joint offices under subsection (b) of
137 Section 1-1 of this resolution shall come from ancillary funds of the General Assembly. The
138 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds
139 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's Office. The
140 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from funds
141 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office.

142 **SECTION 6-2.**

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

146 **SECTION 6-3.**

147 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the House of
148 Representatives.