

Senate Resolution 1EX

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Rules of the Senate for the 2018 Special Session of the General Assembly of  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Rules of the Senate in effect at the  
4 adjournment of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly are hereby adopted as the  
5 Rules of the Senate for the 2018 Special Session with the following amendments:

### SECTION 1.

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

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

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

16 "2-8.4 Time Limit; Discharge; Appointment of New Members

17 After a Committee of Conference has been in existence for ~~five (5) days~~ twenty-four hours  
18 and has failed to make a report to the Senate on the question under consideration, the  
19 President of the Senate may discharge the Senate conferees and appoint new conferees, or,  
20 after forty-eight hours, the Senate, on motion and by a majority vote of all members elected  
21 to the Senate, may discharge the Senate conferees and new conferees shall be appointed  
22 as provided in Rule 2-8.1, instruct said Senate conferees, or make any other motion not  
23 contrary to the Rules of the Senate; ~~provided that, during the last five (5) days of the~~  
24 ~~session, the above motions may be made and passed at any time, but not more often than~~  
25 ~~every twenty-four hours."~~  
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27 **SECTION 3.**

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

29 "4-2.6 Order for Second Reading; Second Reading After the 35th Day

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

37 **SECTION 4.**

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

39 "(b) The Committee on Rules shall arrange and fix the calendar for each day's business for  
 40 the last thirty-five (35) days of each regular session of the General Assembly and for each  
 41 day of any 2018 special session of the General Assembly. Such calendar shall be a  
 42 standing and continuing special order during said period. No matter shall be taken up or  
 43 acted on otherwise than in the order and manner fixed by such calendar, except by a  
 44 three-fourths vote of those voting, provided such three-fourths constitutes a majority of the  
 45 members elected to the Senate. This Rule may not be suspended by a two-thirds vote of  
 46 the Senate."

47 **SECTION 5.**

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

49 "4-2.13 Transmittal to the House

50 No bill or resolution shall be transmitted to the House on the day of passage thereof unless  
 51 two-thirds of the Senators voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, shall so  
 52 order. Provided, during the last three legislative days of any regular session and during  
 53 the 2018 special session, any bill, resolution, or other matter which requires action by the  
 54 House shall be immediately transmitted to the House by the Secretary of the Senate. The  
 55 Secretary shall also immediately transmit Senate bills and resolutions requiring House  
 56 action on the twenty-eighth (28th) legislative day after any notice to reconsider is disposed  
 57 of."

58 **SECTION 6.**

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

60 "(c) A notice of motion to reconsider a bill or resolution shall take precedence over a  
61 motion to transmit and shall have the effect of defeating the motion to transmit; except on  
62 the twenty-eighth (28th) day, ~~and~~ during the last three (3) days of any regular session, and  
63 during the 2018 special session, a Senator must give notice immediately of his or her  
64 intention to move to reconsider, and the President or the designee of the President shall set  
65 a time during the day when the motion will be entertained, so stating the time to the Senate;  
66 the time shall be at the discretion of the President or the designee of the President, but not  
67 less than ten minutes. If the Senate is considering any other business at the time the motion  
68 to reconsider has been set to be entertained, the motion will be taken up upon conclusion  
69 of that business."

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**SECTION 7.**

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

72 "~~6-7.5 Effect of Motion; Return to General Calendar~~

73 All bills and resolutions reconsidered shall take their place at the foot of the calendar of  
74 bills then in order for a third reading; ~~however, during the last thirty-five (35) legislative~~  
75 ~~days of each session, a reconsidered bill or resolution which was passed or adopted shall~~  
76 ~~take its place at the foot of the Rules Calendar, and a reconsidered bill or resolution which~~  
77 ~~was defeated shall be placed on the General Calendar."~~