

## House Resolution 12

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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 2019-2020 biennium of the General Assembly unless  
5 and until otherwise provided for by resolution of the House:

**PART 1****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.