

House Resolution 1601

By: Representative Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>

A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

2 PART I

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as  
4 otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly,  
5 meetings of the 2020 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday,  
6 June 22, 2020, through Saturday, June 27, 2020, shall be held in accordance with the  
7 following schedule:

- 8 Monday, June 22 ..... convene for legislative day 35
- 9 Tuesday, June 23 ..... convene for legislative day 36
- 10 Wednesday, June 24 ..... convene for legislative day 37
- 11 Thursday, June 25 ..... convene for legislative day 38
- 12 Friday, June 26 ..... convene for legislative day 39
- 13 Saturday, June 27 ..... convene for legislative day 40 (SINE DIE)

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as  
15 prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as  
16 otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House  
17 of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours  
18 for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the  
19 Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period  
20 of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after the latest legislative day specified above,  
22 the schedule for meetings of the 2020 regular session may be as provided by another  
23 resolution of the General Assembly adopted subsequent to the adoption of this resolution.

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## PART II

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting  
26 from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or  
27 impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta,  
28 Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary  
29 location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52,  
30 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint  
31 agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution  
32 and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or  
33 locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such  
34 time as they deem practical.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting  
36 from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or  
37 impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta,  
38 Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary  
39 location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker  
40 of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement,  
41 order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and  
42 provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton  
43 County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the  
45 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of  
46 the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice  
47 of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate,  
48 respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house  
49 shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date  
50 certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General  
51 Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and  
52 adjournments.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the  
54 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption  
55 of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of

56 Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the  
57 Constitution.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this schedule for meetings as authorized by this  
59 resolution cannot be adhered to due to a resurgence of COVID-19 after the reconvening of  
60 the 2020 regular session on Monday, June 15, 2020, which resurgence prevents either the  
61 House of Representatives or the Senate from having a quorum physically present in the State  
62 Capitol for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the respective chamber or the body as  
63 a whole, the Speaker and the President of the Senate are authorized to conduct the affairs of  
64 their respective chambers through virtual meetings. Prior to any virtual meeting of a  
65 chamber it shall have approved appropriate rules governing the conduct of such virtual  
66 meetings. In the event a virtual meeting is convened pursuant to this provision, only  
67 essential constitutionally mandated proposals shall be considered in either chamber.