

House Resolution 879

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

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 Tuesday,
6 January 14, 2020, through Monday, February 10, 2020, shall be held in accordance with the
7 following schedule:

8 Tuesday, January 14 convene for legislative day 2

9 Wednesday, January 15 convene for legislative day 3

10 Thursday, January 16 convene for legislative day 4

11 Monday, January 27 convene for legislative day 5

12 Tuesday, January 28 convene for legislative day 6

13 Wednesday, January 29 convene for legislative day 7

14 Thursday, January 30 convene for legislative day 8

15 Friday, January 31 convene for legislative day 9

16 Monday, February 3 convene for legislative day 10

17 Tuesday, February 4 convene for legislative day 11

18 Wednesday, February 5 convene for legislative day 12

19 Thursday, February 6 convene for legislative day 13

20 Monday, February 10 convene for legislative day 14

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as
22 prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as
23 otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House
24 of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours

25 for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the
26 Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period
27 of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

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

31 **PART II**

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

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

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the
52 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of
53 the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice
54 of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate,
55 respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house
56 shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date

57 certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General
58 Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and
59 adjournments.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the
61 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption
62 of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of
63 Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the
64 Constitution.