

Senate Resolution 712

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th and Walker III of the 20th

ADOPTED

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 Thursday,
6 February 6, 2020, through Wednesday, March 12, 2020, shall be held in accordance with the
7 following schedule:

8 Thursday, February 6 in adjournment

9 Friday, February 7 in adjournment

10 Monday, February 10 in adjournment

11 Tuesday, February 11 in adjournment

12 Wednesday, February 12 in adjournment

13 Thursday, February 13 in adjournment

14 Friday, February 14 in adjournment

15 Monday, February 17 in adjournment

16 Tuesday, February 18 convene for legislative day 13

17 Wednesday, February 19 convene for legislative day 14

18 Thursday, February 20 convene for legislative day 15

19 Friday, February 21 convene for legislative day 16

20 Monday, February 24 convene for legislative day 17

21 Tuesday, February 25 convene for legislative day 18

22 Wednesday, February 26 convene for legislative day 19

23 Thursday, February 27 convene for legislative day 20

24 Friday, February 28 convene for legislative day 21

25 Monday, March 2 convene for legislative day 22

- 26 Tuesday, March 3 convene for legislative day 23
- 27 Wednesday, March 4 convene for legislative day 24
- 28 Thursday, March 5 convene for legislative day 25
- 29 Friday, March 6 in adjournment

- 30 Monday, March 9 convene for legislative day 26
- 31 Tuesday, March 10 convene for legislative day 27
- 32 Wednesday, March 11 committee work day
- 33 Thursday, March 12 convene for legislative day 28 (Crossover)

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

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

44 PART II

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

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting
 56 from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or
 57 impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta,
 58 Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary

59 location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker
60 of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement,
61 order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and
62 provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton
63 County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the
65 discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of
66 the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice
67 of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate,
68 respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house
69 shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date
70 certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General
71 Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and
72 adjournments.

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