

**SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE ROSTER**

2013

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SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RULES

2013

1. The quorum for the committee shall be 4 members.
2. The committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the chairperson. *Recess or adjournment of the committee may also take place upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present.*
3. Bills pertaining to local legislation shall be considered by the committee in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 3-2.2 (a), which Rule shall control in the event of a conflict with these Rules.
4. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor. When a bill or resolution is placed on the committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting.
5. The chairperson shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. *No motion that the committee recommend that a measure do pass or do not pass shall be in order until the chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.*
6. Members who disagree with the majority report of the committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and in the discretion of the chair refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full committee.
8. During committee meetings, committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
9. The chairperson may present to the committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the chairperson and secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the committee.
10. The Rules of the Senate shall control in any case not provided for in these rules.

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Thursday, January 31, 2013; 2:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Mike Crane, 28th

This was the first meeting of the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee of the 2013 Legislative Session. Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests.

The first order of business was the adoption of the committee rules for the 2013-2014 legislative term. *Motion to adopt the committee rules* was made by Senator Mike Crane, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 3:00 PM

Room 125 – CAP

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

SB 83 (Gooch, 51st) – Relating to the supervision and support of paupers, so as to provide for cremation as an alternative for deceased indigents – presented by Senator Steve Gooch. Chairman Ligon recognized Todd Edwards of ACCG to speak in favor of the bill. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Gloria Butler, seconded by Senator Hunter Hill; *motion passed unanimously*.

SB 104 (Ginn, 47th) – Department of Community Affairs, so as to revise the minimum elements addressed and included in comprehensive plans of local governments – presented by Senator Frank Ginn. Chairman Ligon recognized Todd Edwards with ACCG and Ashley Meggitt with GMA to speak in favor of the bill. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 3:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th

Secretary

Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper

Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 1:00 PM

Room MEZZ – CAP

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

SB 160 (Ginn, 47th) - Relating to security and immigration compliance – presented by Senator Bill Cowsert. Chairman Ligon recognized Todd Edwards with ACCG and Rusi Patel with GMA to speak in favor of the bill. Chairman Ligon addressed his concerns with the bill and offered suggestions. Chairman Ligon announced that no vote would be taken on the bill until appropriate changes were modified accordingly.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, February 27, 2013; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

SB 160 (Ginn, 47th) - **Relating to security and immigration compliance** – presented by Senator Frank Ginn. *Motion “do pass” by substitute* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Donzella James; *motion passed unanimously*.

SB 168 (Tippins, 37th) - **Relating to bonds relating to contracts for public works** – presented by Senator Lindsey Tippins. Chairman Ligon recognized Rusi Patel with GMA to speak in favor of the bill. *Motion “do pass” by substitute* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Horacena Tate; *motion passed unanimously*.

SB 179 (Hill, 6th) – **Relating to public works bidding** – presented by Senator Hunter Hill. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Mike Crane, seconded by Senator Donzella James; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 414 (Smyre, 135th) – **To exercise all redevelopment and other powers** – presented by Representative Calvin Smyre. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Horacena Tate; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Monday, March 4, 2013; 12:15 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

SB 226 (Gooch, 51st) – **Relating to coroners, so as to change certain provisions relating to investigation fees** – presented by Senator Steve Gooch. **Motion, “do pass”** was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Hufstetler; **motion passed unanimously.**

SB 228 (Beach, 21st) – **Relating to creation of development authorities** – presented by Senator Brandon Beach. **Motion “do pass”** was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; **motion passed unanimously.**

SB 242 (Hill, 6th) – **Relating to powers of downtown development authorities** – presented by Senator Hunter Hill. **Motion “do pass”** was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; **motion passed unanimously.**

SR 273 (Albers, 56th) – **To provide that the re-creation of a previously existing county which was merged into another county may be accomplished by law --** Chairman Ligon assigned the Resolution to a subcommittee consisting of Senators Chuck Hufstetler, Chairman; Hunter Hill and Donzella James.

HR 281 (Roberts, 155th) - **Providing that Tift County be so named in honor of the late Henry Harding Tift** – presented by Senator Tyler Harper. **Motion “do pass”** was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Chuck Hufstetler; **motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2013; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 473 (Welch, 110th) – Relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations - presented by Representative Andrew Welch. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2013; 2:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

[HB 400](#) (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to elections for approval of bonded debts** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Horacena Tate, seconded by Senator Hunter Hill; *motion passed unanimously*.

[HB 536](#) (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to receipt and disbursement of funds for county law libraries** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

[HB 537](#) (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to election of local board of education members** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Hunter Hill; *motion passed unanimously*.

[HB 539](#) (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to definitions relative to campus police officers** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

[HB 540](#) (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to the board of the education pension** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/ Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

May 8, 2013

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing,

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following Resolution which was not acted upon in the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee during the 2013 Legislative Session:

[SR 273](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Marcie Draper, Recording Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations