

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ROSTER**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Monday, January 26, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Crane, 28th - Chairman
Senator Charlie Bethel, 54th -Vice Chairman
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th - Secretary
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Bill Jackson, 24th
Senator Tommie Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senators Cowsert, 46th, Fort, 39th, Henson, 41st, Hill, 6th, Shafer, 48th were absent.

Chairman Crane, 28th, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the Committee followed with introductions. The Rules of the Committee were discussed and are attached to these minutes. Senator Harbison, 15th made a motion to adopt the Rules as written and Senator Bethel, 54th seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: Senator Henson, 41st arrived at 3:05 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Fort, 39th arrived at 3:09 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Cowsert, 46th arrived at 3:14 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Shafer, 48th arrived at 3:19 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Williams, 19th left at 3:28p.m.

SB 20, Senator Parent, 42nd, Citizens' Redistricting Commission; create; membership and duties

Senator Parent, 42nd, presented the bill to the committee. Sharon Blackwood from the State Board, League of Women Voters; Bruce Bozarth, former Executive Director of Common Cause Georgia; William Perry, Current Executive Director of Common Cause Georgia; and Ryan Splitlog, Assistant Director of Common Cause, GA all spoke in support of the legislation. No action was taken as this was a hearing only.

HEARING ONLY

NOTE: Senator Hill, 6th arrived at 3:34 p.m.

SR 23, Senator Parent, 42nd, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment; Citizens' redistricting commission -CA

Senator Parent, 42nd, presented the resolution to the committee. Sharon Blackwood from the State Board, League of Women Voters; Bruce Bozarth, former Executive Director of Common Cause Georgia; William Perry, Current Executive Director of Common Cause Georgia; and Ryan Splitlog, Assistant Director of Common Cause, GA all spoke in support of the legislation. No action was taken as this was a hearing only.

HEARING ONLY

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Horacena Tate, 38th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**2015 Rules for the Senate Committee on
Reapportionment and Redistricting**

1. The quorum for the Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairperson.
3. The Chairperson shall determine measures to be considered and the order in which such measures are considered.
4. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.
5. All amendments to legislation in the Committee shall be delivered to the Chairman no later than 24 hours prior to any called meeting of the Committee, unless the meeting is called on 24-hour notice, in which event amendments must be delivered to the Chairman no later than 12 hours prior to the meeting.
6. These Committee Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and seconded and subsequently approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given to the Chairperson 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Monday, February 23, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Crane, 28th - Chairman

Senator Charlie Bethel, 54th - Vice Chairman

Senator Horacena Tate, 38th - Secretary

Senator Vincent Fort, 39th

Senator Ed Harbison, 15th

Senator Bill Jackson, 24th

NOTE: Senators Cowsert, 46th, Henson, 41st, Hill, 6th, Shafer, 48th and Williams, 19th were absent.

Chairman Crane, 28th, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Williams, 19th arrived at 3:35 p.m.

SR 45, Senator Parent, 42nd, Reapportionment; legislative and congressional; provide for procedures and standards

Senator Parent, 42nd, presented the resolution to the Committee. Ryan Splittlog and William Perry from Common Cause of Georgia spoke in favor of the legislation. No action was taken as this was a hearing only.

HEARING ONLY

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Horacena Tate, 38th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Monday, March 23, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Crane, 28th - Chairman

NOTE: An agenda had been posted and due to the 24 hour notice rule, this meeting was called to order in order to postpone and then adjourned.

Chairman Crane, 28th, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Senator Crane, 28th announced that the meeting will be postponed to allow time for Legislative Counsel to provide additional information to the Chairman. The legislation will be taken up on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Mike Crane, 28th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Thursday, March 26, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Crane, 28th - Chairman
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th - Secretary
Senator Bill Cowsert, 46th
Senator Vincent Fort, 39th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Bill Jackson, 24th
Senator David Shafer, 48th
Senator Tommie Williams, 19th

NOTE: Senators Bethel, 54th, Harbison, 15th and Hill, 6th were absent.

Chairman Crane, 28th, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Harbison, 15th arrived at 3:42 p.m.

HB 566, Representative Randy Nix, 69th State house districts; boundaries of certain districts; revise

Representative Nix, 69th, presented the bill to the Committee. No one spoke for or against the bill.

Senator Shafer, 48th made a motion that HB 566 **DO PASS**. Senator Cowsert, 46th seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-4 with Senators Cowsert, 46th, Jackson, 24th, Shafer, 48th, and Williams, 19th, voting in favor and Senators Henson, 41st, Harbison, 15th, Tate, 38th and Fort, 39th voting against the motion. The Chairman voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. Senator Cowsert, 46th will carry the bill in the Senate.

HB 566 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Horacena Tate, 38th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

April 2, 2015

Office of the Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Cook:

On behalf of the Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee Chairman, Sen. Mike Crane, 28th, and as recording secretary for the Committee, the following Committee bills and resolutions are respectfully returned to you.

Senate Bill 20

Senate Resolution 23

Senate Resolution 45

No action was taken by the Committee on the above legislation for the 2015 legislative session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Yeomans,
Recording Secretary