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**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Retirement held its first meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Mike Crane (28th)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)  
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th) Ex-Officio  
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)  
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. After discussion, the Committee adopted the rules. A copy of the Committee rules are attached.

**[SB 243](#)** (Sen. Jack Hill, 4th, LC 21 3828) **Georgia Judicial Retirement System; preservation of rights by certain persons; change certain provisions**

Sen. Hill (4th) presented the bill.

Wayne Allen, Legislative Counsel, spoke in support of the bill.

At the request of Chairman Hufstetler (52nd), Jim Potvin, Executive Director of the Employees Retirement System, gave a review of the actuarial report.

After discussion of **SB 243**, a motion was made by Sen. Black (8th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th). The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**SB 243 DO PASS**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman

/s/ Jacqueline Leathers, Recording Secretary

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT RULES

2015-2016

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be four (4) members. Every member, including ex-officio members, shall count as a voting member for purposes of establishing a quorum at any given meeting.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills, resolutions, substitutes, or amendments are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority and discretion to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only or to limit consideration of such measures.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such times as shall be designated by the Chairman. All actions of the subcommittees shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to schedule, manage, and regulate the debate on bills, resolutions, substitutes, and amendments, and may in his discretion recognize motions related to such measures and the order in which they are recognized.
5. When a bill or resolution is before the Committee for consideration, the following shall be the precedence of the motions
  - (1) A motion that a bill do pass;
  - (2) A motion that a bill do not pass;
  - (3) A motion to postpone to a time certain;
  - (4) A motion to refer a bill to subcommittee.(All motions shall receive a Second before consideration)
6. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
7. A bill or resolution will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors. The Committee shall not vote on any bill until the author or his/her designee has been given the opportunity to appear and be heard.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to delay or decline action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman in writing at least 24 hours prior to the hearing in which they are presented.

9. The Chairman shall not vote unless the Committee shall be equally divided or unless his or her vote, if given in the minority, will make the division equal. In case the vote is equally divided, the Chairman must vote.
10. Any Member or Members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
11. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee
12. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern. If the Rules of the Senate are silent on a specific issue, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Retirement held its second meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary  
Sen. Mike Crane (28th)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)  
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio  
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Sen. Crane (28th) offered an invocation.

**SR 736 (Sen. Charlie Bethel, 54th, LC 33 6284) Creating the Senate Work and Save Study Committee.**

Sen. Bethel (54th) presented the resolution.

Melissa Sniden from AARP spoke in support of the resolution.

After discussion of **SR 736**, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Hill (6th). The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**SR 736 DO PASS**

**SB 149 (Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd), LC 43 0073) Retirement; provide for creditable service for certain military service**

Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) presented the bill.

During the discussion of the bill, Chairman Hufstetler requested Jim Potvin, Executive Director of the Employees Retirement System, and Greg S. Griffin, the State Auditor, to explain actuarial assumptions.

After discussion of **SB 149**, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Rhett (33rd). Sen. Hill (6th) recused himself from the vote due to conflicts of personal interest. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**SB 149 DO PASS**

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (10th) left the meeting at 2:43 p.m. to attend another committee meeting.

**[SR 725](#) (Sen. Judson Hill, 32nd, LC 43 0248) Retirement; investment in foreign state sponsors of terrorism prohibited**

Sen. Hill (32nd) presented the resolution to the Committee. After discussion of **SR 725**, there was no action taken by the Committee.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jacqueline Leathers, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Retirement held its third meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary  
Sen. Mike Crane (28th)  
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Sen. Hunter Hill, (6th), Ex-Officio, and Sen. David Lucas (26th) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Sen. Rhett (33rd) offered an invocation.

**SB 370 (Sen. P. K. Martin, 9th, LC 29 6873ER) Superior Courts; sponsor of training requirements; change provisions**

Sen. Martin (9th) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Crane (28th). The motion passed 4-0.

**SB 370 DO PASS**

**SB 336 (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0254) Retirement; permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans by resolution in addition to ordinance**

Sen. Black (8th) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Black (8th). The motion passed 3-0. Sen. Crane (28th) abstained.

**SB 336 DO PASS**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jacqueline Leathers, Recording Secretary



## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

The Senate Committee on Retirement held its fourth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Mike Crane (28th), Sen. Hunter Hill (6th) Ex-Officio, Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) and Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) were absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Sen. Black (8th) offered an invocation.

**[SB 335](#) (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0274) Retirement; permissible investments in commingled funds and collective investment funds; revise provisions**

Sen. Black (8th) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Harper (7th). The motion passed 3-0.

**SB 335 DO PASS**

**[HB 690](#) (Rep. Amy Carter, 175th, LC 43 0270S) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; provide that certain law enforcement officers obtain creditable service in system under certain conditions; provisions**

**NOTE:** Sen. Crane (28th) arrived late to the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the Committee on behalf of the author, who was absent due to illness. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Black (8th). The motion passed 4-0.

**HB 690 DO PASS**

**[HB 844](#) (Rep. Howard Maxwell, 17th, LC 43 0271S) Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund; insurance premiums subject to taxation; update certain provisions**

Rep. Maxwell (17th) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Jones (10th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Black (8th). The motion passed 4-0. Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th) will be the Senate sponsor.

**HB 844 DO PASS**

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jacqueline Leathers, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Retirement held its fifth meeting of the 2016 Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Chairman  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary  
Sen. Mike Crane (28th)  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)  
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)  
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), Ex-Officio was absent.

Chairman Hufstetler (52nd) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Sen. Black (8th) offered an invocation.

**[HB 635](#) (Rep. Bubber Epps, 144th, LC 43 0171S) Judges of Probate Courts Retirement Fund; increase number of years of mandatory contribution; provisions**

Rep. Epps (144th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Mike Greene, a probate judge and Chairman of the Retirement Board of Trustees spoke in support of **HB 635**.

After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Jones (10th). The motion passed 6-0. Sen. Black (8th) will be the Senate sponsor.

**HB 635 DO PASS**

**[HB 508](#) (Rep. Barry Fleming, 121st, LC 43 0108) Appellate court judges; age of eligibility for certain benefits; decrease**

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (10th) left the meeting at 2:23 p.m. to attend another committee meeting.

Rep. Fleming (121st) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Harper (7th). The motion passed 4-1. The yea votes were Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Lucas (26th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd). The nay vote was Sen. Crane (28th). Sen. Black (8th) will be the Senate sponsor.

**HB 508 DO PASS**

**HB 605 (Rep. Tom Weldon, 3rd, LC 43 0175S) Georgia Judicial Retirement System; member who was serving in a full-time position on his or her retirement may use prior part-time service for vesting; provide**

Rep. Weldon (3rd) presented the bill to the Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) **Do Pass** and was seconded by Sen. Harper (7th). The motion passed 5-0. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) will be the Senate sponsor.

**HB 605 DO PASS**

Chairman Hufstetler adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Jacqueline Leathers, Recording Secretary

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March 28, 2016

Honorable David Cook  
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Dear Secretary Cook,

On behalf of Chairman Chuck Hufstetler, the Senate Retirement Committee is returning the following Senate and House Bills/Resolution:

SB 150  
SB 152  
SB 246  
HB 256  
SR 725

Respectfully Submitted,

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