

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING  
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**2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING**  
January 30, 2017

The Senate Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting met on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Chairman  
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)  
Sen. Vincent Fort (39th)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Secretary, Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Watson (1st).

The proposed Committee Rules were reviewed. Chairman Watson (1st) proposed amending the Committee quorum from eight (8) members to six (6) members.

Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules, amending the Committee quorum from eight (8) members to six (6) members. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). A copy of the Rules is attached.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/ s / Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Chairman

/ s / Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**2017 Rules**  
**Senate Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting**

1. The quorum for the Committee shall be six (6) 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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.

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING**  
February 27, 2017

The Senate Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting met on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Chairman  
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (Arrived late)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)  
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Vincent Fort (39th), Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Watson (1st) called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**SR 6 (Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd, LC 28 8145ER) Citizens' Redistricting Commission; establishment, qualifications, and appointment of members; provide - CA**

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Public speakers spoke in favor of the resolution:

Henry Siegelson, M.D., Emmet Bondurant, Christopher Bruce-ACLW, Maria Palacios-GALEO, Kelli Persons-LWVAA, Robert Reagin and Sean Bokelmann.

**SR 6 HEARING ONLY**

**SR 7 (Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd, LC 28 8146) Reapportionment; legislative and congressional; provide procedures and standards - CA**

Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Public speakers spoke in favor of the resolution:

Henry Siegelson, M.D., Emmet Bondurant, Christopher Bruce-ACLW, Maria Palacios-GALEO, Kelli Persons-LWVAA, Robert Reagin and Sean Bokelmann.

**SR 7 HEARING ONLY**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/ s / Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Secretary

/ s / Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING  
March 24, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting met on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Chairman  
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Secretary (Arrived late)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)  
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Arrived late)  
Sen. Vincent Fort (39th)  
Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)  
Sen. Hunter Hill (6th)  
Sen. David Shafer (48th)

Chairman Watson (1st) called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) began the meeting with a prayer.

**HB 515 (Rep. Johnnie Caldwell, Jr., 131st, LC 28 8417S) State house districts; revise boundaries of a certain district**

Chairman Watson (1st) called on Rep. Caldwell (131st) to speak to the new substitute (LC 28 8507S).

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 8:54 a.m.

Public speakers spoke against the bill.

Henry Siegelson, MD, Helen Butler, Jerry Gonzalez-GALEO, Tom Berry, Justin Garman, Andrea Young-ACLU, Arthur Murphy, Marti Brean, Carlos S. Moreno, and Janet Best

Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 8507S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-4. The yea votes were Sen. William Ligon, Jr., (3rd), Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen Harbin (16th), Sen Hill (6th), and Sen. Shafer (48th). The nay votes were Sen. Tate (38th), Sen. Fort (39th), Sen. Harbison (15th), and Sen. Henson (41st). Sen. Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

**HB 515 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 28 8507S**

Having no further business, Chairman Watson (1st) adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/ s / Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Secretary

/ s / Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

April 6, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Redistricting and Reapportionment during the 2017 Legislative Session:

**SR 6**

**SR 7**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Williams  
Senate Redistricting and Reapportionment  
Recording Secretary