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**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Ethics held its first meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairman
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Jesse Stone (23nd), and Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

The Chairman introduced herself and the members of the Committee. The Rules of the Committee were discussed. Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules for the 2019-2020 Session. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. A copy of the Rules is attached to these minutes.

The Committee discussed the Senate Caucuses for approval. Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to **DO PASS** the Senate Caucuses. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Below are the list of the approved Senate Caucuses:

Senate Caucuses 2019-2020:

General Assembly Voting Rights Caucus
Conservative Lawyers Caucus
Georgia Legislative Black Caucus
Georgia Working Families Caucus
Sportsmen's Caucus
Women's Legislative Caucus
Pilot's Caucus

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Senate Committee on Ethics
2019 – 2020 Rules

As used in these rules, the term “ethics matter” shall mean any matter within the Committee that relates to a violation of Part Four of Section One of the Rules of the Senate.

The following rules shall govern the Committee proceedings on matters that are not ethics matters:

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The chairperson shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered, and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The chairperson shall have the authority to create one or more subcommittees to consider bills, resolutions or other matters referred to the committee and make referrals to such subcommittees for study and recommendations in a manner consistent with the Rules of the Senate. Such subcommittees in turn shall make recommendations on such measures to the full committee at such time as shall be designated by the chairperson.
4. The committee shall only consider amendments or substitutes received twenty-four (24) hours before a committee meeting. This rule may be waived by the chairperson.
5. The author of the bill/resolution must write a letter to the chairperson one week prior to a Committee meeting requesting it to be heard by the committee. This requirement may be waived by the chair.
6. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the chairperson.
7. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the chairperson and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances warrant.
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. A bill or resolution will be considered only after the primary author or other legislator whom he or she may designate is given an opportunity to appear and be heard. The primary author shall be the legislator whose signature appears first on the list of authors on the bill back.
10. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire. Such report shall be filed in accordance with the Rules of the Senate.
11. 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.
12. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, March 4, 2019

The Senate Committee on Ethics held its second meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairman
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23nd)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), and Sen. Steve Henson (41st) were absent.

Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) arrived late at 9:09 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived late at 9:08 a.m.

SB 213 (Sen. Heath, 31st, LC 28 9266ER) Campaign Contributions; content of and certain reporting times for certain campaign disclosure reports; revise

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Heath (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Heath (31st) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public, she recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Bethany L. Whetzel, Deputy Executive Secretary of Georgia Campaign Finance Commission

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion to **amend SB 213**, undo the strike on line 73 and leave in “During the period of time” and strike “between the last report due” on line 74 before “seven days prior to the date of any election for which the candidate is qualified and the date of such election, all contributions of \$1,000.00 or more shall be reported within two business days of receipt and also reported on the next succeeding regularly scheduled campaign contribution disclosure report;”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Gooch (51st). The motion was passed unanimously 10-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion to **DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 9306ERS)**. The motion is seconded by Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 213 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 9306ERS).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairman

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The Senate Committee on Ethics held its third meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairman
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23nd)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

HB 316 (Rep. Fleming, 121st, LC 47 0111S) Elections; definitions; provide for uniform equipment and ballot marking devices

The Chair recognized Rep. Barry Fleming (121st) and Bryan Germany, General Counsel of Georgia Secretary of State, for the purpose of presenting the bill. They both presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for presentation from experts in the field. She recognized the following:

Community Members who presented to the Community in opposition of the bill:

Garland Favorito, Co-Founder of VoterGA

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived late at 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived late at 10:30 a.m.

Community Members who presented to the Community in favor of the bill:

Cathy Cox, Former Secretary of the State

Mike Dudgeon, Policy Director of Lieutenant Governor Duncan's Office

The Chair recognized Sen. Harrell (40th) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1699)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Henson (41st). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harrell (40th) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1702)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Henson (41st). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones II (22nd) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1712)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Henson (41st). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harrell (40th) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1720)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Jones II (22nd). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Henson (41st) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1723)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Harbison (15th). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harbison (15th) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1717)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Henson (41st). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Butler (55th) who made a motion to **amend HB 316 (AM 28 1713)**. The motion was seconded Sen. Henson (41st). The motion failed 5-7.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 316 BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 9313S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed 7-5.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Jones II (22nd) voted against the motion.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 316 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 9313S).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The Senate Committee on Ethics held its fourth meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairman
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Left Early*)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Henson (41st) and Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) were absent.

Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

HB 264 (Rep. Werkheiser, 157th, LC 33 7897S) Public officials' conduct and lobbyist disclosure; persons promoting or opposing any matter regarding the EMSC Program are subject to transparency and lobbyist disclosure laws; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Werkhesier (157th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Werkhesier (157th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public, she recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Elmer Stancil, Senior Managing Director of Dentons US

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived at 1:12 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **amend HB 264**, in Section 1 starting at Line 63, adding (K) any natural person who, either individually or as an employee of another person, is compensated specifically for undertaking to promote or oppose any matter before a local coordinating entity as provided for under Code Section 31-11-3, provided however, it shall not mean a public official who is compensated for performing duties incidental to the public office; or (L) Any natural person who makes lobbying expenditures to promote or

oppose matters before one or more local coordinating entities as provided for under Code Section 31-11-3, provided however, it shall not mean a public official who makes expenditures incidental to the public office. The motion was seconded by Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd). The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **amend HB 264**, in Section 3 insert after Line 155, (d) Regular uploads of ambulance service data to the GEMISIS system administered by the department shall be an acceptable alternative to the quarterly report reference by this Code section. The motion was seconded by Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd). The motion failed 4-6.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Burke (11th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 264 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC 36 4009S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-1.

Sen. Ligon Jr. (3rd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Miller (49th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against the motion.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 264 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 36 4009S).

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 1:35 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 1:35 p.m.

SB 98 (Sen. Stone, 23rd, LC 28 9203S) Elections and Primaries; ranked voting for runoffs by overseas citizens and military personnel; authorize;

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Stone (23rd) presented the bill to the committee.

This was a hearing only so no action was taken.

SB 147 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 28 9202) Public Officials' Conduct and Lobbyist Disclosure; illegal for an elected official of a local government to register as a lobbyist; provide;

The Chair recognized Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (10th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 1:39 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public, she recognized the following:

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Derek Norton, Lobbyist – MAG & Smyrna City Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Lobbyist – Massey, Watson, & Hembree & Sugar Hill City Council Member

This was a hearing only so no action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kirkpatrick (32nd) at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary