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**Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Rules 2019 – 2020**

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  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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), Chairwoman  
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice Chairman  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23nd)  
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) and Sen. Dean Burke (11th) were absent.

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

**SR 459 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 47 0179) Senate; all persons testifying tell the truth; providing bans on persons found to have lied; request**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) arrived at 1:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. She recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Peter Skandalakis, Executive Director, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia  
Neill Herrin, Georgia Citizen

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

**Committee Recommendation: SR 459 (LC 47 0179) No action was taken.**

The Chair recognized Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) for the purpose of presenting the Georgia Legislative Lake Lanier Legislative Caucus. Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the Georgia Legislative Lake Lanier Legislative Caucus to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Butch Miller (49th) left early at 1:22 p.m.

The Committee discussed a new Senate Caucus for approval. Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion that the Georgia Legislative Lake Lanier Legislative Caucus **Do Pass**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0. 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 Legislative Lake Lanier Legislative Caucus  
Georgia Working Families Caucus  
Sportsmen's Caucus  
Women's Legislative Caucus  
Pilots Caucus

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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), Chairwoman  
Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Vice Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria S. Butler (55th)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Steve Henson (41st)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**SB 463 (Sen. Kennedy, 18th, LC 28 9657) Primaries and Elections; provisions and references regarding direct recording electronic voting machines; remove**

The Chair recognized Sen. John Kennedy (18th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kennedy (18th) and Ryan Germany, General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 1:10 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) arrived at 1:11 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 1:14 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived at 1:20 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 1:24 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. She recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

None

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Joe Handy-Sewell, Chair, DeKalb Democratic Women  
Rev. James Woodall, State President, Georgia NAACP

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 1:36 p.m.

Maha Rayan, Executive Committee Members, Gwinnett County Democratic Party  
Bentley Hudgins, Political Strategist, New Georgia Project  
Lyndon Waller, New Georgia Project  
Libby Segel, President, Young Democrats of Georgia State University  
John Peterson, Cherokee County Voter  
Cindy Battles, Election Protection Coordinator, Common Cause GA  
Isabel Otero, SPLC Action  
Wanda Mosley, Black Voters Matter

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion that SB 463 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 9706S)**. Sen. Ligon (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 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: SB 463 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 9706S)**

**SR 459 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 47 0179) Senate; all persons testifying tell the truth; providing bans on persons found to have lied; request**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the substitute of the resolution. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the resolution substitute to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SR 459 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 97065S)**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary