

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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2020 RULES**

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which cases or investigations shall be heard and the order in which said hearings are to commence.
3. The Committee will not hear a bill unless the Chairman receives a written request for a hearing from the author of the bill.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer cases or investigations to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such cases to the full Committee.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put forward questions and adjourn upon order of the Chairman, subject to the Rules of the Senate.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
7. If a Committee member moves on a House bill without a Senate sponsor, that Committee member becomes the sponsor of the bill.
8. After adoption, these Rules may be amended upon motion duly made, seconded, and subsequently approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee.
9. The Secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these Rules to all members of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.
10. A local bill that creates a city or municipality must be introduced in the first year of the biennium. A bill that is introduced in accordance with this Rule may be heard in the first year of the biennium, but will be held over until the second year of the biennium, at which time it may be considered for recommendation to the full Senate. The Committee may take any action on a bill creating a city or municipality that is introduced in the second year of the biennium at the discretion of the Chairman.
11. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Tuesday January 28, 2020**

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations met on Tuesday January 28, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Strickland (17th), and Sen. Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Anderson (24th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

SB 295 (Sen. Wilkinson, 50th, LC 45 0336) County Constitutional Officers: Salaries and Compensation.

The Chair recognized Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Wilkinson (50th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 295 Do Pass (LC 45 0336)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Nikema Williams (39th), voted in favor of motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 295 Do Pass (LC 45 0336)

Chairman Anderson (24th) adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary

/s/ Leighton Kennedy, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Tate (38th), and Sen. Williams (39th) were absent.

Chairman Anderson (24th) called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) arrived at 2:24 p.m.

[SB 309](#) (Sen. Stone, 23rd, LC 28 9484) Georgia Municipal and Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act; and Georgia County and Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act.

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

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Earle Taylor, bond attorney
Tom Gehl of GMA
Clint Mueller of ACCG

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Elizabeth Chandler of the Georgia Bankers Association

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion that **SB 309 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 9622S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) voted in favor of motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 309 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 9622S)

Chairman Anderson (24th) adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary

/s/ Leighton Kennedy, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations met on Tuesday, February 24, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th) was absent.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) was absent.

Chairman Anderson (24th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tate (38th) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

[SB 413](#) (Sen. Martin, 9th, LC 47 0354) Rezoning Requests and Campaign Contribution Disclosures.

The Chair recognized Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Martin (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 413 Do Pass (LC 47 0354)**. Sen. Tate (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) voted in favor of motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 413 Do Pass (LC 47 0354)

[HB 765](#) (Rep. Scoggins, 14th, LC 28 9411ER) Relating to courts, so as to provide for an increase in the minimum compensation for chief magistrates; to provide for the calculation of future increases in the minimum compensation for chief magistrates; to provide for an

increase in the minimum compensation for other magistrates; to provide for an increase in the minimum compensation for clerks of magistrate courts; to provide for related matters.

The Chair recognized Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Scoggins (14th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Judge Brandon Bryson

Testimony in opposition of the bill:

Debra Nesbit of ACCG

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 765 Do Pass (LC 28 9411ER)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) voted in favor of motion.

Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) and Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 765 Do Pass (LC 28 9411ER)

SB 406 (Sen. Anderson, 24th, LC 47 0329) Counties, Municipal Corporations, and Other Governmental Entities; additional manner of publishing certain legal notices by counties; provide.

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Todd Edwards of ACCG

Tom Gehl of GMA

Scott Johnson of CoCo

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Wayne Curtis of the Daily Report

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 406 Do Pass (LC 47 0434S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-3.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) and Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) voted in favor of motion.

Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Sen. Nikema Williams (39th), and voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 406 (LC 47 0329) No Action was taken.

Chairman Anderson (24th) adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary

/s/ Leighton Kennedy, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations met on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) was absent.

NOTE: Sen. Ellis Black (8th) was appointed to serve as an Ex-Officio Member of the Committee. A copy of his letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Anderson (24th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Williams (39th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 2:09 p.m.

SB 406 (Sen. Anderson, 24th, LC 47 0329) Counties, Municipal Corporations, and Other Governmental Entities; additional manner of publishing certain legal notices by counties; provide.

The Chair presented a proposed substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 406 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 0458S)**. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), and Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) voted in favor of motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 406 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 0458S)

SB 240 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 47 0133ER) Incorporation of Municipal Corporations; no municipal charter shall be enacted where a portion of the proposed corporate boundary was ever part of existing municipality; provide.

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

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Tom Gehl of GMA

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion to change all past tense language to present tense language in the bill. Sen. Tate (38th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be incorporated into a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 240 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Horacena Tate (38th), Sen. Nikema Williams (39th), Sen. Ellis Black (8th) voted in favor of motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 240 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 0478S)

Chairman Anderson (24th) adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Secretary

/s/ Leighton Kennedy, Recording Secretary

Office of Lieutenant Governor

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Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor

February 27, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint **Senator Ellis Black** to serve as an **Ex-Officio for the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee**.

Sincerely,

/s/ Geoff Duncan
Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations met on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen. Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Anderson (24th) called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

HB 1102 (Rep. Rutledge, 109th, LC 44 1491S) Revised Homestead Option Sales and Use Tax Act of 2020; enact.

The Chair recognized Rep. Dale Rutledge (109th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Rutledge (109th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 1102 Do Pass (LC 1491S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), and Sen. Ellis Black (8th) voted in favor of motion.

Sen. Nikema Williams (39th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1102 Do Pass (LC 1491S)

Chairman Anderson (24th) adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Chairman

/s/ Leighton Kennedy, Recording Secretary