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2021 – 2022 Roster**

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The Senate Committee on Ethics
2021 – 2022 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. These Committee Rules of Operations shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 regarding the establishment of Rules of Operations.
2. The quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
3. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered, and the order in which said measures are considered. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc.) shall be in order until the Chair has stated that such a motion will be entertained. The Chair shall have the authority and discretion to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chair 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 Chair.
5. The committee shall only consider amendments or substitutes received twenty-four (24) hours before a committee meeting. This requirement may be waived by the Chair.
6. 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.
7. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
8. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chair and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances warrant.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The Chair 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 Chair and Secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee.
13. 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, February 1, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) was absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and recognized all members present to introduce themselves.

NOTE: Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) arrived at 4:48 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) arrived at 4:49 p.m.

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the rules. Sen. Strickland (17th) made a motion that the rules be adopted as presented. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

The Chair recognized Ryan Germany, General Council from the Secretary of State's Office, for comments.

NOTE: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) arrived at 4:51 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) arrived at 4:53 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for committee members to ask questions of Mr. Germany.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Thursday, February 11, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) and Sen. Harbison (15th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 7:57 a.m.

The Chair submitted the following Caucus applications for approval by the Committee:
The Women's Legislative Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
The Legislative Black Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the proposed Caucuses. Sen. Miller (49th) made a motion that the Caucuses be adopted as presented. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) arrived at 8:03 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 8:03 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 8:05 a.m.

The Chair announced that the following bills would be assigned to the following Subcommittees:

Subcommittee A:

SB 67, Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
SB 71, Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)

Subcommittee B:

SB 89, Sen. Miller (49th)
SB 93, Sen. Robertson (29th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Thursday, February 18, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

The Chair submitted the following Caucus application for approval by the Committee:
The Georgia Working Families Legislative Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Nan Orrock (36th).

Sen. Robertson (29th) made a motion that the Caucus be adopted as presented. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

SB 89 (Sen. Miller, 49th, LC 28 0084) Elections and Primaries; chief elections assistance officer; qualifications, appointment, supervision, and duties; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 7:12 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 7:16 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion to strike the term “offer” on line 69 and inserting in its place the term “cause”, strike “opportunity” on line 69, strike “to” on

line 72, and strike “to” on line 74. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SB 89 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-4

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 89 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0222S)

SB 67 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 28 9912) Elections and Primaries; submission of identification in connection with absentee ballot applications; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Larry Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 67 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0201S)**. Sen. Gooch (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 67 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0201S)

SB 40 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 28 9931) Elections and Primaries; the time and method for opening and tabulating absentee ballots; revise

The Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) arrived at 7:54 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to strike the words “be authorized to” on line 91 and inserting in its place the term “shall”. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Butler (55th) who made a motion that **SB 40 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 12-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 40 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0221S)

SB 184 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 28 0179) Elections and Primaries; inputting credit for voting data; revise the time

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SB 184 Do Pass (LC 28 0179)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-3.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harrell (40th), and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th) abstained.

Committee Recommendation: SB 184 DO PASS (LC 28 0179)

SB 188 (Sen. Cowsert, LC 28 0174) Elections and Primaries; election results reporting system to be established and maintained by the Secretary of State; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SB 184 Do Pass (LC 28 0174)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett

(50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 188 DO PASS (LC 28 0174)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, February 22, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

The Chair submitted the following Caucus application for approval by the Committee:

The Rural Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Goodman (8th)
The Mountain Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Hatchett (50th)
The Lake Lanier Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Dixon (45th)
The Aviation Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Harbin (16th)
The Georgia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, Chaired by Sen. Harper (7th)

Sen. Strickland (17th) made a motion that the Caucuses be adopted as presented. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 12-0.

SR 100 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 28 0076) State-Wide Grand Juries; jurisdiction, powers, and duties; provide –CA

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SR 100 Do Pass (LC 28 0076)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SR 100 DO PASS (LC 28 0076)

SB 93 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 28 0077) Elections and Primaries; use of portable and movable polling facilities in certain circumstances; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 93 Do Pass (LC 28 0077)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 93 DO PASS (LC 28 0077)

SB 141 (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 28 9982) Elections and Primaries; immediate counting and tabulation of ballots after the close of the polls until such counting and tabulation is completed; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion to amend the bill with his committee substitute (**LC 28 0241S**). Sen. Gooch seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition of the Bill:

Cindy Battles, Coalition for the People's Agenda

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 141 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0241S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 141 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0241S)

The Chair appointed the following bills to Subcommittee A:

SB 69, Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)

SB 72, Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)

SB 74, Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Thursday, February 25, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

SB 62 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 28 0004) Elections and Primaries; name and designation of the precinct appears on every ballot; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins (37th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tippins (37th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion to amend the bill with a committee substitute (**LC 28 0260S**). Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-2.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harbison (15th) and Sen. Harrell (40th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 62 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0260S)**. Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 62 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0260S)

SB 241 (Sen. Dugan, 30th, LC 28 0244) Elections and Voting; revise comprehensively

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dugan (30th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Committee Recommendation: SB 241 (LC 28 0244) No Action Taken.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Friday, February 26, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

SB 253 (Sen. Merritt, 9th, LC 28 0194) Elections and Primaries; notice when polling places are relocated; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Merritt (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion to amend the bill with a committee substitute (**LC 46 0443S**). Sen. Harrell (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 3:06 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to amend the bill by changing “fee” to “feet” on line 26. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected new committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 253 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 253 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0271S)

SB 69 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 0009) Primaries and Elections; persons desiring to register to vote or update their voter registration through and application for a driver's license; indicate such desire on such application; provide

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 3:19 p.m.

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 69 Do Pass (LC 28 0009)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 69 DO PASS (LC 28 0009)

SB 71 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 9949) Elections and Primaries; the definition of "absentee elector"; revise; reasons for voting by absentee ballot; provide

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th) who made a motion to amend the bill by changing the number 65 to 55 on line 27. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-5.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected new committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th) who made a motion that **SB 71 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the motion passed by a vote of 7-5.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 71 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0272S)

SB 72 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 0008) Elections and Primaries; county registrars shall obtain monthly from the coroner, judge of the probate court, and funeral homes in the county identifying information about persons who died in the county during the previous month; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 3:28 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th) who made a motion that **SB 72 Do Pass (LC 28 0008)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 72 DO PASS (LC 28 0008)

SB 74 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 9948) Elections and Primaries; ability of poll watchers at tabulating centers to observe the vote counting process; revise

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion that **SB 74 Do Pass (LC 28 9948)**. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 74 DO PASS (LC 28 9948)

SB 178 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 0013) Elections and Primaries; absentee ballot applications shall not be sent without first receiving a request for such an application from such elector; provide

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 178 Do Pass (LC 28 0013)**. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 178 DO PASS (LC 28 0013)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, March 1, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

SB 241 (Sen. Dugan, 30th, LC 28 0244) Elections and Voting; revise comprehensively

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dugan (30th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who asked for a motion to amend the bill with a committee substitute (**LC 280273S**). Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 11-0.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) left at 4:26 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 4:35 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) returned at 4:35 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Pamela Reardon, Private Citizen

Annette Davis Jackson, Private Citizen

Brad Carver, Election Confidence Task Force

Scott Hall, Private Citizen
Susan Voyles, Private Citizen

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

DJ Grenevitch, Georgia Coalition for the Blind
Betsy Grenevitch, Georgia Coalition for the Blind
Cindy Battles, Coalition for the People's Agenda
Pichaya Pay Winichalend, SPLC Action Fund
Chris Bruce, ACLU
Garland Favorito, Voter GA
Brad Grossman, Voter GA
Michelle Millhof, Voter GA
Ted Metz, Libertarian Party of GA
Randal Mangham, Private Citizen
Bridget Thorne, Fulton County Precinct Manager
Chris Peck, Private Citizen
Elena Merino, The Meridian Group
Marcia Cox, Grassroots for Trump
Dr. Gordon Rolle, Private Citizen
Barbara Hartman, Private Citizen
Pedro Vilorio, LCF Georgia
Hannah Perkins, AFL-CIO
Robert Bryan, Dekalb GOP
Stacey Ramirez, ARC of Georgia

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) left at 5:46 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) returned at 5:50 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion to amend the bill by adding “Portable or moveable polling places shall follow the same standards as they relate to voting access for those electors with disabilities as the existing polling place that such portable or moveable polling place is being used to replace.” on line 88. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 12-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th) who made a motion to amend the bill by removing the words “to provide for drop boxes” on Line 15. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11-0.

Sen. Harbison (15th) abstained from voting.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion to adopt **Amendment (AM 28 1829)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion.

The Chair asked for a brief recess at 5:57 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 6:05 p.m.

The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SB 241 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the motion passed by a vote of 7-5.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 241 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0291S)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

SB 241 (Sen. Dugan, 30th, LC 28 0291S) Elections and Voting; revise comprehensively

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that the committee reconsider its previous recommendation for SB 241. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion to withdraw the amendment (**AM 28 1829**) from the bill. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 7:10 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harrell (40th) arrived at 7:11 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 241 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 28 0292S)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-5.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 241 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 28 0292S)

SB 232 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 47 0859) Primaries and Elections; unique bar codes on individual absentee ballots; require

The Chair recognized Sen. Harbin (16th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harbin (16th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion amend the bill with a committee substitute (**LC 47 0940S**). Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harrell (40th) and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen Harbison (15th) abstained.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Cindy Battles, Coalition for the People's Agenda

Christopher Bruce, ACLU of GA

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 232 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 0940S)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 232 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 47 0940S)

SB 202 (Sen. Burns, 23rd, LC 28 0150) Elections and Primaries; persons or entities that mail absentee ballot applications shall mail such applications only to eligible registered

electors; provide

Chairman Burns (23rd) appointed Vice Chairman Burke (11th) to preside while he presented the bill.

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

NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) left at 7:45 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 7:47 a.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Christopher Bruce, ACLU of GA

NOTE: Sen. Harrell (40th) left at 7:57 p.m.

The Vice Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Vice Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion to amend the bill by adding “A person or entity shall not be liable for any violation of this subparagraph if such person or entity relied upon data made available by the Secretary of State within five business days prior to when such applications are mailed.” to line 26. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

The Vice Chair recognized Hatchett (50th) who made a motion to amend the bill by adding the word “unsolicited” to line 16. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

The Vice Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to amend the bill by changing “in the amount of” to “up to” on line 30 and changing “shall” to “may” on line 32. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

The Vice Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Vice Chair recognized Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SB 202 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation SB 202 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0291S)

Chairman Burns resumed presiding and adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, March 15, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman (*Left Early*)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

HB 333 (Rep. Efstration, 104th, LC 41 3005S) Ethics in Government Act of 2021; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Efstration (104th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Efstration (104th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion to amend the bill with a committee substitute (**LC 41 3111S**). Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) arrived at 3:41 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 3:44 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 3:45 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: HB 333 (LC 41 3111S) No Action Taken.

The Chair asked for a brief recess at 3:57 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 4:06 p.m.

HB 531 (Rep. Fleming, 121st, LC 28 0264S) Elections; no election superintendents or boards of registrars shall accept private funding; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Fleming (121st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Fleming (121st) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 4:41 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 4:42 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) returned at 4:45 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 4:54 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) returned at 4:56 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (31st) left at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) returned at 5:08 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: HB 531 (LC 28 0264S) No Action Taken.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen Harbison (15th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) was absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:51 p.m.

HB 531 (Rep. Fleming, 121st, LC 28 0264S) Elections; no election superintendents or boards of registrars shall accept private funding; provide

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) left at 5:04 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) returned at 5:05 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 5:12 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) left at 5:40 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) left at 5:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) returned at 5:57 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Pamela Reardon, Private Citizen
Ginger Bradshaw, Private Citizen
Elizabeth Delmas, Private Citizen
Ted Metz, Libertarian Party of GA
Barbara Hartman, Private Citizen
Jeffery Johnson, Private Citizen
Bridget Thorne, Private Citizen

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

James Woodall, Private Citizen
Marilyn Marks, Private Citizen
Geovani Serrano, Private Citizen
Kevin Joachin, Private Citizen
Phi Nguyen, Private Citizen
Aklima Khondoker, Private Citizen
Zan Thorton, Private Citizen
Cindy Battles, Coalition for the People's Agenda
Wanda Mosley, Private Citizen
Toni Watkins, Private Citizen
Garland Favorito, Voter GA
Alex Wan, Private Citizen
George Balbona, Private Citizen
Catherine Davis, Private Citizen
Aviva Cohen, Private Citizen
Sara Ghaza, Private Citizen
Andre Fields, Private Citizen

Committee Recommendation: HB 531 (LC 28 0264S) No Action Taken.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

HB 531 (Rep. Fleming, LC 28 0264S) Elections; no election superintendents or boards of registrars shall accept private funding; provide

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 8:08 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 8:12 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Harrell (40th) arrived at 8:14 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 8:19 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) arrived at 8:19 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 8:27 a.m.
NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 8:41 a.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Scott Hall, Private Citizen

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
Katy Stamper, Private Citizen
Charlie Miller, Georgia Council on Developmental Dissabilities
Chris Bruce, ACLU of GA
Pichaya Winchinski, SPLC Action Fund

Bentley Hughes, Private Citizen

Committee Recommendation: HB 531 (LC 28 0264S) No Action Taken.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, March 22, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman (*Left Early*)
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd), Secretary, Sen. Harbison (15th), and Sen Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

HB 333 (Rep. Efstrotation, 104th, LC 41 3005S) Ethics in Government Act of 2021; enact

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Dugan (30th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 9:22 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who proposed to add an amendment (**AM 28 1836**) to the bill. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 333 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anavitarte (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 333 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0336S)

HB 531 (Rep. Fleming, 121st, LC 28 0264S) Elections; no election superintendents or boards of registrars shall accept private funding; provide

The Chair recognized Sen Dugan (30th) who made a motion to amend the bill with a committee

substitute (**LC 28 0331S**).

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) left at 9:55 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) left at 10:16 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) returned at 10:18 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) left at 10:19 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 10:19 a.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Todd Edwards, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

Tonic Adams, Private Citizen

Kevin Juachin, Private Citizen

Cindy Battles, Coalition for the Peoples Agenda

Committee Recommendation: HB 531 (LC 28 0264S) No Action Taken.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics
Monday, March 23, 2021

The Senate Committee on Ethics held a meeting on Monday, March 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) was absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

HB 531 (Rep. Fleming, 121st, LC 28 0264S) Elections; no election superintendents or boards of registrars shall accept private funding; provide

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 8:08 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion to add an amendment (**AM 28 1856**) to the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harrell (40th), and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

NOTE: Sen. Miller (49th) and Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 8:16 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to add an amendment (**AM 28 1864**) to the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to remove the words, “be responsible for procuring and providing,” and add the words, “have discretion to procure and provide” to the bill. Sen Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-3.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Harrell (40th), and Sen. Jones (22nd) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

NOTE: Sen Harbison (15th) arrived at 8:34 a.m.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the question that **SB 531 Do Pass by Substitute**. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 531 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 28 0340S)

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/

Caleb Rudin, Recording Secretary