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2021 – 2022 COMMITTEE RULES

Each member of the committee should be mindful of the Senate Rules, especially regarding attendance.

1. A Quorum of the Committee shall be 5 members.
2. The Chairwoman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The Chairwoman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such a time as shall be designated by the Chairwoman.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairwoman.
5. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairwoman.
6. No member of the committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
7. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct or pecuniary interest in the result of such vote, which interest is distinct, unique, or peculiar to the Senator or Senator's immediate family.
8. Any member of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These Rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two thirds of the member of the Committee.
10. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issues, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY
Thursday, March 24, 2022

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary held a meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th), Chairwoman
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Vice-Chairwoman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)

Chairwoman Jordan (6th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

HB 1350 (Rep. Wade, 9th, LC 44 2056S) Wills, trusts, and administration of estates; executors to send notices to beneficiaries regarding filing of petitions to probate wills; require

The Chair recognized Rep. Will Wade (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wade presented a proposed substitute to HB 1350 to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 1:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Merritt (9th) and Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **HB 1350 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 2058S)**. Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1350 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 2058S)

HB 1294 (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 39 3220) Property; timing of sending notice when an abandoned mobile home has been determined to be derelict; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett (174th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Corbett (174th) 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. Goodman (8th) who made a motion that **HB 1294 Do Pass (LC 39 3220)**. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1294 DO PASS (LC 39 3220)

HB 1352 (Rep. Smith, 133rd, LC 44 2036S) Property; provide for handling of certain wills

The Chair recognized Rep. Vance Smith (133rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Smith (133rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

John Belinfante of Robbins Alloy Belinfante Littlefield LLC

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) left the committee meeting at 1:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) returned to the committee meeting at 1:44 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1352 (LC 44 2036S) No action was taken.

HB 1383 (Rep. Wilensky, 79th, LC 36 5039) Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978; hearing before an administrative law judge; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Mike Wilensky (79th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wilensky (79th) 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.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Allona Lane Cross of the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCEO)

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **HB 1383 Do Pass (LC 36 5039)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1383 DO PASS (LC 36 5039)

Chairwoman Jordan (6th) adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ M. Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary held a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th), Chairwoman
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Vice Chairwoman
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) was absent.

Chairwoman Jordan (6th) called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

HB 1352 (Rep. Smith, 133rd, LC 44 2036S) Property; provide for handling of certain wills

The Chair recognized Rep. Vance Smith (133rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Smith (133rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Tate (38th) arrived at 2:33 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 2:34 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:35 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) to present an amendment. The amendment struck the term “in at least ten-point type” on line 255, inserting in its place “in all capital letters in at least 12 point type or in a font larger than the font utilized in the solicitation, whichever is larger.”

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **Adopt the Amendment**. Sen. Tate (38th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **HB 1352 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Burns (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1352 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 48 0625S)

Chairwoman Jordan (6th) adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ M. Mercedes Benites, Recording Secretary