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Senate Resolution 1010

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A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2020 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Sunday, June 21, 2020, through Friday, June 26, 2020, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Sunday, June 21	in adjournment
Monday, June 22	convene for legislative day 36
Tuesday, June 23	convene for legislative day 37
Wednesday, June 24	convene for legislative day 38
Thursday, June 25	convene for legislative day 39
Friday, June 26	convene for legislative day 40 (SINE DIE)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after the latest legislative day specified above, the schedule for meetings of the 2020 regular session may be as provided by another resolution of the General Assembly adopted subsequent to the adoption of this resolution.

PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of

the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution cannot be adhered to due to a resurgence of COVID-19 after the reconvening of the 2020 regular session on Monday, June 15, 2020, which resurgence prevents either the House of Representatives or the Senate from having a quorum physically present in the State Capitol for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the respective chamber or the body as a whole, the Speaker and the President of the Senate are authorized to conduct the affairs of their respective chambers through virtual meetings. Prior to any virtual meeting of a chamber it shall have approved appropriate rules governing the conduct of such virtual meetings. In the event a virtual meeting is convened pursuant to this provision, only essential constitutionally mandated proposals shall be considered in either chamber.

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