



**Fulton County Board of Commissioners
February 4, 2026**

**FULTON
COUNTY**

**2026 Legislative
Session Update**

Resources for Superior Court

Online Publication of Legal Notices

Support Local Control and Oppose Sovereign Immunity Waivers

Increase State Support for Behavioral Health and Diversion Programs

Expand Healthcare Access and Strengthen the Healthcare Workforce

Housing Authority of Fulton County

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Support for Clarification of Estimated Rollback Rate Implementation

Next Generation 911

Ensure Secure, Fair and Accessible Elections

Transit Board Representation

Support for Legalization of Gambling and Casinos

Eviction Writ Execution Administrative Fee Authorization

Family Justice Centers

Repeal LIFE Act



2026
State Legislative
Agenda

Fulton County Delegation Updates

- The Joint Fulton County Delegation held the first meeting on **Thursday, January 29**. The Department of External Affairs presented the 2026 Legislative Agenda.
 - Thank you to Commissioners Mo Ivory and Marvin Arrington Jr. for attending.
- The next meeting will be on **Friday, February 6 at 1 p.m. in CAP 230**. Superior and State Court will present.
 - Full meeting schedule has been shared with BOC and Legislative Liaisons.
 - The City of Atlanta Joint delegation will also be meeting in this room on the same dates as our delegation, either before or after us.

Primary Policy Priority: Judicial Resources – Superior Court

- Fulton County requests the creation of one or more additional Superior Court judgeships to effectively manage the consistently high volume and increasing complexity of cases within the Circuit, which includes those initiated by the State of Georgia.
- Fulton County supports final passage of **Senate Bill 10**, which authorizes the Chief Judge of Superior Court to appoint up to five judicial officers. These officers would handle civil and non-serious felony cases, as assigned by the Chief Judge, to alleviate caseloads and improve efficiency.
 - *A Senate sponsor is being secured; the bill is currently in the Senate Rules Committee.*
 - **House Bill 482** has been recommitted to the House Judiciary Committee

Primary Policy Priority: Online Publication of Legal Notices

- Fulton County supports legislation allowing the publication of legal notices on the legal organ's website, to ensure timely and efficient advertisement.
 - *Coordinating with ACCG and other stakeholders on next steps.*
- Fulton County supports an amendment to the Georgia Taxpayer Bill of Rights to permit the online publication of millage rate advertisements.

Primary Policy Priority: Support Local Control and Oppose Sovereign Immunity Waivers

House Bill 295: Local government; procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation for loss of property value or expenses incurred; provisions

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd and others
- **Committee:** House Rules
- **Status:** House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute
- **Summary:** Allows property owners to seek compensation from local governments if their property loses value or they incur costs because the government fails to enforce certain laws or maintains a public nuisance. Owners can file claims within the same tax year. Local governments must respond within 30 days. Compensation can cover mitigation expenses or the reduction in property value. If a claim is denied or ignored, owners may sue in superior court. The local government must prove its actions were lawful. Prevailing owners can recover attorney fees. The law limits claims to one per property per year but allows additional claims in following years if harm continues. Some actions, like discretionary prosecutorial decisions and acts required by state or federal law, are excluded. Sovereign immunity is waived to allow these claims.

Support for Clarification of Estimated Rollback Rate Implementation

Senate Bill 382: Ad Valorem Taxation; make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions

- **Sponsors:** Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th and others
- **Committee:** Senate Rules
- **Status:** Senate Passed
- **Summary:**
 - Makes statewide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all local governments and schools
 - Provides automatic continuation of the exemption for eligible homeowners who previously applied
 - Updates procedures for special district option sales taxes and local referendums
 - Requires proceeds from local sales taxes to be used for property tax relief
 - Revises timing for applying special district option sales tax proceeds to rollback rate calculations
 - Effective for tax years starting January 1, 2026

House Resolution 1114: Local government; sales and use tax for purpose of providing property tax relief; authorize - CA

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th and others
- **Committee:** House Ways & Means
- **Summary:**
 - Proposes a constitutional amendment to exempt all homestead properties from local property taxes by Jan 1, 2032
 - Removes cap on homeowner incentive adjustment; allows state & local grants for tax relief
 - Local millage rate increases may require voter approval
 - Authorizes local homestead option sales tax: up to 2% for schools, 3% for local governments to offset exemptions
 - Local finance assessments limited to actual costs; offset ad valorem taxes

Enabling legislation: House Bill 1116

House Bill 1116: Homeownership Opportunity and Market Equalization Act of 2026; enact

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th and others
- **Committee:** House Ways & Means
- **Summary:**

Homestead Exemptions (Counties & County School Districts Only):

- \$10,000 (2026-2028) | \$30,000 (2029-2030) | \$60,000 (2031+)

FLOST Revisions

- 2027-2032: 10-year term with automatic renewal
- 2033+: 5-year term with automatic renewal
- Proceeds may fund homestead exemptions or rollback millage rates

Revenue Caps (Effective 2032)

- Voter approval required for $\geq 3\%$ property tax revenue increases (school systems and local governments)

Property Tax Administration & Enforcement

- DOR must accept digests when publication errors are not county fault
- Simplifies tax bills & Notices of Assessment (NOA)
- Extends homestead application window
- Strengthens enforcement, penalties & statewide cross-check database

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- **Sponsors:** Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th and others
- **Committee:** House Ways & Means
- **Summary:**
 - Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing counties and consolidated governments to levy a 1 percent local sales and use tax with voter approval
 - Tax may be imposed for a period not to exceed five years
 - Proceeds must be used exclusively to provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in ad valorem taxes on real property
 - Tax would not count toward existing statutory caps on local sales and use taxes

Policy Position Request: POA

Senate Bill 406: Georgia Property Owners' Bill of Rights Act

- **Sponsors:** Senators Brass of the 6th, James of the 28th and others
- **Committee:** Senate Judiciary
- **Summary:** Requires property owners' associations to register annually with the Secretary of State and establishes oversight, recordkeeping and enforcement mechanisms, including hearings, appeals and penalties for noncompliance. The bill creates a State Board for Review of Complaints Regarding Property Owners' Associations, expands statutory rights for community association owners and increases transparency and accountability in association governance. It also revises lien and foreclosure provisions by raising the minimum lien amount for foreclosure, prohibiting associations and related parties from bidding at foreclosure sales and limiting the use of fees and fines in foreclosure actions.



Thursday, February 5, 2026

Visit the

Fulton County Mental Health Mobile Unit

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Capitol Square

Fulton County Information Displays

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

South Wing

Legislative Calendar ([HR 998](#)) & Events at the State Capitol

- February 2-6: Legislative Days 10-14
- February 9-12: Legislative Days 15-18
- February 17-20: Legislative Days 19-22
- February 24-26: Legislative Days 23-25
- March 3-4: Legislative Days 26-27
- March 6: Legislative Day 28 (*Crossover Day*)
- April 2: Legislative Day 40 (*Sine Die*)



ACCG Capital Connection Conference: **Wednesday, March 4-Thursday, March 5**