



**FULTON  
COUNTY**

**Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
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**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**

**Cybersecurity and Ransomware Protection**

**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**



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**2026**

**State Legislative  
Agenda**

# Legislative Session Overview

- January 12: The [Georgia General Assembly](#) convened the 2026 Legislative Session.
  - All bills not passed in 2025 remain eligible.
- January 12-April 2: Legislative Days 1-40 scheduled, per the Adjournment Resolution ([HR 998](#)).
- January 15: Governor Brian P. Kemp addressed a Joint Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide his [2026 State of the State Address](#).
- January 20-January 22: [Joint Budget Hearings](#)

# Governor Brian P. Kemp's Budget Highlights

- \$50 million for Homelessness Response Grant (requires local matching funds)
- \$92.8 million for Medicaid and PeachCare, including Medicare Part B & D
- \$2.1 million for medical residency slots
- \$2,000 one-time supplement to full-time, benefit-eligible state and Regents employees, formula earned K-12 teachers, school administrators, custodians, nutrition workers, school nurses and bus drivers
- \$1 billion for a one-time state income tax rebate
- \$250 million for Local Road Assistance grants
- \$7.5 million for statewide cybersecurity enhancement
- \$2.3 billion to modernize transportation systems, expand freight capacity and improve mobility
- \$325 million to provide a state match for the needs-based DREAMS Scholarship program
- \$5 million to conduct a full ballot recount by hand during the 2026 election cycle. \$1.8 million to utilize text-based ballot scanning technology for tabulation of all votes statewide.
- \$5.3 million to support Georgia's mental health crisis system through mobile crisis response teams and the '988' hotline

# Fulton County Delegation Updates

- Friday afternoon weekly meeting schedule will be shared once adopted.
- New Members:
  - Senate District 21: [Jason Dickerson](#)
  - Senate District 35: [Jaha Howard](#)
- Officers:

House of Representatives	Senate
<b>Chair:</b> Rep. Park Cannon	<b>Chair:</b> Sen. Sonya Halpern
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Rep. Debra Bazemore	<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Sen. Josh McLaurin
<b>Secretary:</b> Rep. Mekyah McQueen	<b>Secretary:</b> Sen. RaShaun Kemp

# 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.
  - Monitoring budget presentations this week.
- 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.

# 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

- Fulton County opposes any legislation that diminishes home rule authority or restricts the rights of duly elected officials to govern local affairs. The County also opposes efforts to weaken local control or to waive sovereign immunity protections.
  - *Any relevant bills will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for policy position votes and included in weekly written reports.*

# Additional Policy Priorities

- External Affairs has prepared and shared one-page policy briefs with lobbyists to support outreach for bill sponsors.
- Departments may be requested to testify during the Legislative Session, coordinated through legislative liaisons.
- External Affairs will continue to monitor relevant legislation and provide regular updates on bill status.

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

- January 26: Legislatives Day 6
- January 27: Legislative Day 7
- January 28: Legislative Day 8
- January 29: Legislative Day 9
- February 2-6: Legislative Day 10-14
- February 9-12: Legislative Days 15-18
- March 6: Legislative Day 28 (*Crossover Day*)
- April 2: Legislative Day 40 (*Sine Die*)



- Fulton County Day at the Capitol: **Thursday, February 5**
- ACCG Capital Connection Conference: **Wednesday, March 4-Thursday, March 5**