



**FULTON
COUNTY**

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

**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

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Support for Legalization of Gambling and Casinos

Eviction Writ Execution Administrative Fee Authorization

Family Justice Centers

Repeal LIFE Act



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**State Legislative
Agenda**

Legislative Session Overview

- Both chambers passed the [Conference Committee Report](#) for the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget ([HB 973](#)) set by a revised revenue estimate of \$43.6 billion. The Governor signed the bill into law on **Tuesday, March 3**. Highlights include:
 - \$850 million for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant (HTRG)
 - \$409 million to design and construct a new 300-bed facility at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta
 - \$45 million for the state housing trust fund; matching funds for local governments and nonprofits to address homelessness. \$5 million additionally to address homeless veterans.
 - \$15 million in the Secretary of State's Office for grants to county election offices.
 - \$2 million for Next Generation 911
 - Funding for new superior court judges in top three judicial circuits.
- The Fiscal Year 2027 budget ([HB 974](#)) is expected to pass the House of Representatives by Crossover Day on **Friday, March 6**.

Fulton County Delegation Updates

- On **Thursday, February 26**, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities presented along with Mayors from: College Park, Mountain Park, Union City and South Fulton.
- The next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 12 at 3 p.m. in CAP 230**. The Departments of Registration & Elections, Emergency Management and Emergency Services will present during this meeting.
- **Local Legislation ([HB 1367](#)): Fulton County; appointment of a certain number of board members in the case of vacancies on the board by Rep. Shea Roberts of the 52nd**
 - **Status:** Referred to House Intragovernmental Coordination Committee
 - **Summary:** Revises procedures for filling board vacancies on community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton. The bill allows the board to appoint a replacement within 60 days, limits appointed members to serving until the next regular election, caps the number of board-appointed members serving at one time to two and requires a special election under certain circumstances.
 - Similar bills will be introduced in the Senate this week for the Airport CID and City of South Fulton CID.

Primary Policy Priority:
Judicial Resources – Superior Court

HB 1365: Atlanta Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide twenty-first judge

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Jones of the 25th, Silcox of the 53rd, and others
- **Status:** House Rules Committee
- **Summary:** Adds a twenty-first Superior Court judge in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. State funding will be required in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for implementation.

Next Generation 911

House Resolution 1243: [Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund; authorize creation - CA](#)

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th and others
- **Status:** House Rules Committee
- **Summary:** Proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate certain existing revenues, including revenues reallocated by law, to a non-lapsing fund to be used exclusively for the expansion, maintenance and operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems, including the statewide transition to Next Generation 9-1-1.

Enabling Legislation: TBD, potentially during the 2027 Legislative Session if approved in the November 2026 referendum.

Family Justice Centers

HB 1283: [Family Justice Center Act; enact](#)

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th and others
- **Status:** House Rules Passed; Scheduled for vote on **Wednesday, March 4**
- **Summary:**
 - Authorizes counties, municipalities and district attorneys to establish Family Justice Centers using four models
 - Co-locates law enforcement, prosecution and community-based providers to serve victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking
 - Authorizes the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to administer grants, provide oversight and requires annual reporting
 - Preserves existing disclosure obligations, court authority and victim/defendant rights
 - Does not require state funding; however, state funding may be identified as a potential future funding source.

Development Authority

HB 1386: Local government; county development authorities for certain counties shall not operate within certain municipalities

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Berry of the 56th and others
- **Committee:** House Governmental Affairs Committee Favorably Reported
- **Summary:** Prevents county development authorities in “massively municipalized counties” from acquiring or managing property for tax incentive projects within municipalities that adopt a resolution restricting such activity. The bill defines a massively municipalized county as one where two or more municipalities cover 95 percent or more of the county’s land area. Projects approved before January 1, 2026, or prior to a municipality adopting a limiting resolution, are not affected.

Tax Allocation Districts

HB 1240: Local government; total ad valorem tax digest limitation upon creating new tax allocation districts shall also apply to the renewal of existing tax allocation districts; provide

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th and others
- **Status:** House Ways & Means Committee Favorably Reported
- **Summary:** Applies the existing 10% ad valorem tax digest cap to both the creation and renewal of tax allocation districts (TADs).

Municipal Jails

HB 1482: Jails; certain municipal corporations make municipal detention facilities or jails available for use by a sheriff under certain conditions

- **Sponsors:** Representative Chuck Martin of the 49th
- **Committee:** Referred to House Governmental Affairs Committee
- **Summary:** Requires certain municipal corporations that own or operate a municipal detention facility or jail within the jurisdictional radius of the Capitol Police Division to make such facilities available to the county sheriff upon request, provided sufficient funding has been appropriated to the sheriff. The requirement applies regardless of whether the municipal detention facility is actively housing inmates at the time of the request. When a sheriff requests use of a qualifying facility, the municipal corporation may charge a fee; however, the fee may not exceed the actual costs incurred by the municipality in maintaining the facility.

Property Tax Reform

HR 1114: [Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment clause; remove cap on benefits – CA](#)

Enabling Legislation: [HB 1116](#)

- **Sponsors:** Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th and others
- **Status:** Failed with vote of 99-73 on **Tuesday, March 3**; Will be reconsidered on **Wednesday, March 4**
- **Summary:**
 - Gradually reduces the ad valorem assessment ratio from 40% to 10% of appraised value
 - Lowers the assessment ratio by 3% annually beginning in 2027 over a 10-year period
 - Provides an additional 100% homestead exemption for qualifying disabled veterans on the full assessed value
 - Authorizes a local homestead option sales tax to offset reductions in ad valorem revenue
 - Provides alternative revenue support for local school systems and local governments
 - Dedicates specified tax proceeds from data centers to fund grant programs

Taxation

Bill Sponsor	Description	Status
<p>HB 275 Income tax; change certain definitions Rep. Bruce Williamson</p>	<p>Revises property tax assessment notice requirements, allows the Department of Revenue to accept certain digests despite publication deficiencies, requires tax bills to show savings from exemptions and credits, updates assessment notice language and appeal information and repeals the estimated roll-back rate certification requirement. <i>Companion Bill:</i> SB 566</p>	<p>House Ways & Means Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute</p>
<p>HB 1336 Ad valorem tax; levy and collection of tax upon apportioned valuation of aircraft by local tax jurisdictions Rep. Clint Crowe</p>	<p>Requires that at least 50 percent of revenues collected from a local tax jurisdiction's ad valorem taxes on aircrafts must be dedicated to the maintenance and operations of airports within the tax jurisdiction.</p>	<p>House Ways & Means Committee Favorably Reported</p>
<p>HB 1001 Income tax; reduce rate of tax Rep. Will Wade</p>	<p>Beginning with taxable years starting on or after January 1, 2026, the individual income tax rate is set at 4.99 percent. The bill continues the state's phased-in income tax rate reductions, with future annual reductions of 0.10 percent subject to delay if certain fiscal conditions are not met, including revenue growth benchmarks, prior-year revenue performance and sufficient reserves in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve.</p>	<p>House Passed; Referred to Senate Finance Committee</p>

SB 535: Mental Health; the re-creation of community service boards

- **Sponsor:** Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd
- **Status:** Senate Passed By Substitute; Referred to House Public & Community Health Committee
- **Summary:** Updates provisions relating to community service boards (CSB). CSB executive directors can serve on governing boards, must be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and will become an employees of the department. Those serving as executive directors as of June 30, 2026 can continue as CSB employees if they choose to do so by August 1, 2026. CSB governing boards must incorporate minimum bylaws as established by the department.

Companion Bill: **HB 1368**

Elections

Bill Sponsor	Description	Status
SB 568 Elections and Primaries; the list of eligible voters is posted and made public prior to each primary or election; require Sen. Greg Dolezal	Omnibus elections bill proposing several changes, including but not limited to assigning voters a designated early voting location, requiring hand-marked paper ballots tabulated by machines, transferring oversight of voting challenges and recounts to the State Elections Board and establishing automatic recounts by hand when the margin is 1 percent or less. <i>Effective</i> : July 1, 2026	Senate Ethics Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute
SB 573 Primaries and Elections; the nonpartisan election for county officers and district attorneys in certain counties Sen. Ed Setzler	Nonpartisan elections for county officers and district attorneys in medical examiner counties, excluding sheriff, school boards and local constitutional offices. <i>Effective</i> : January 1, 2027	Senate Ethics Committee Favorably Reported

Transportation

Bill Sponsor	Description	Status
HB 1137 MARTA; authority of local governing bodies to collect a 1 percent retail sales and use tax; extend sunset Rep. Deborah Silcox	Extends the sunset date for 1 percent retail sales and use tax to June 30, 2067, instead of 2057.	House Transportation Committee Favorably Reported
HB 638 MARTA; prohibit stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta Rep. Deborah Silcox	Proposes the abolition of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Atlanta-Regional Transit Link Authority, with their responsibilities being transferred to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). This consolidation would grant SRTA control over state and federal transit funds, eliminate the requirement for regional transit planning across a 13-county metro area, and shift oversight authority of MARTA to SRTA.	Senate Transportation Committee Tabled

Crossover Day Bills

House of Representatives	Senate
HB 295: <u>Local government; procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation for loss of property value or expenses incurred</u>	SB 10: <u>Fulton County Judicial Officers</u>
HB 377: <u>QBS Mandate</u>	SB 74: <u>Harmful Materials to Minors; exemption for libraries and librarians from Code Section 16-12-103</u>
HB 397: <u>Omnibus Elections Bill</u>	SB 214: <u>Omnibus Elections Bill</u>
HB 560: <u>Joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST); negotiations for distribution of tax proceeds; revise provisions</u>	SB 577: <u>"Coordinated PFAS Remediation Act"</u>
HB 1000: <u>Income tax; one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2024 and 2025 taxable years</u>	SB 406: <u>"Georgia Property Owners' Bill of Rights Act"</u>

Legislative Calendar ([HR 998](#))

- March 4: Legislative Day 27
- March 5: Committee Work Day
- March 6: Legislative Day 28 (*Crossover Day*)
- March 9-12: Legislative Days 29-31
- March 16-20: Legislative Days 32-35
- March 23-27: Legislative Days 36-39
- April 2: Legislative Day 40 (*Sine Die*)

