

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

**Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Abrams	Clark, V	Gordon	McCall	Shaw
Alexander	Coleman	Gravley	McClain	Sims
Allison	Cooke	Greene	Meadows	Smith, E
Atwood	Coomer	Harden	Metze	E Smith, L
Ballinger	Cooper	Harrell	Mitchell	Smith, M
Barr	Corbett	Hatchett	Morris	Smith, R
Battles	E Dawkins-Haigler	Hawkins	Nimmer	Spencer
Beasley-Teague	Deffenbaugh	Henson	Nix	Stephens, M
Belton	Dickerson	Hightower	Pak	Stephens, R
E Bennett, K	Dickey	Hitchens	E Parrish	Stovall
Bennett, T	Dickson	Holcomb	Parsons	E Stover
Bentley	Dollar	E Holmes	Peake	Strickland
Benton	Douglas	Houston	Petrea	Tankersley
Beskin	Drenner	Howard	Pezold	Tanner
Beverly	Dudgeon	Hugley	Pirkle	Tarvin
Blackmon	Dukes	Jackson	Powell, A	Taylor, D
Broadrick	Dunahoo	Jasperse	Powell, J	E Taylor, T
Brockway	Duncan	Jones, J	Price	Teasley
E Bryant	Ealum	Jones, J.B.	Prince	Thomas, A.M.
Buckner	Efstration	Jones, S	Pruett	Thomas, E
Burns	Ehrhart	E Jordan	Quick	E Trammell
Caldwell, J	England	Kaiser	Raffensperger	Turner
Caldwell, M	Epps	Kelley	E Rakestraw	Waites
Cannon	Evans	Kendrick	Ramsey	Watson
Cantrell	Fleming	Kidd	Reeves	Welch
Carson	Fludd	LaRiccia	Rhodes	Werkheiser
Carter, A	Frazier	Lott	Rice	Wilkerson
Carter, D	Frye	E Lumsden	Rogers, C	Willard
Casas	Gardner	Mabra	Rutledge	Williams, A
Chandler	Gasaway	Marin	Rynders	Williams, E
Cheokas	Gilligan	Martin	Scott	Williamson
Clark, D	Glanton	Maxwell	E Setzler	Yates
Clark, H	Golick	Mayo	Sharper	Ralston, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 62nd, Kirby of the 114th, Knight of the 130th, Oliver of the 82nd, Smyre of the 135th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Williams of the 119th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Lindsey Phillip Napier, Sr., Warner Robins CME Church, Warner Robins, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives  
Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Room 401  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**Subject:** Legislative Day 26  
**To:** Clerk's Office

Yea on HB 1030

Yea on HB 804

Yea on HB 851

Yea on HB 856

Nay on HB 944

Yea on HB 970

Yea on HB 975

Yea on HB 93

Yea on HB 792

Yea on HB 827

Nay on HB 900

Nay on HB 941

Yea on HR 1312

Yea on HR 1363

Yea on HB 768

Yea on HB 923

State Representative District 30

/s/ Emory Dunahoo, Jr.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1078. By Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Smith of the 41st, Stephens of the 165th and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to raise the age of mandatory education from 16 to 17; to revise provisions relating to adult literacy for

purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1079. By Representative Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special provisions for motorcycles relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide that motorcycles may overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 1080. By Representative Ramsey of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Fayette County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1081. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Jersey, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4484), so as to change the terms of the members of the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1082. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Blakely; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1083. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Pirkle of the 155th and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Tift County, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2468), so as to change the office of the solicitor of the state court to a full-time position; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1088. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Willard of the 51st, Holcomb of the 81st, Yates of the 73rd, Glanton of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of the Low THC oil patient registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, so as to add post traumatic stress disorder to the conditions authorized for the use of low THC oil; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1089. By Representatives Beverly of the 143rd and Randall of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the restructuring of the governments of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County, approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5595), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 30, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3942), so as to change the boundaries of the commissioner districts; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members of the commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1090. By Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Stephenson of the 90th, Kendrick of the 93rd and Dickerson of the 113th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs in the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that the State Board of Education shall incorporate into rape prevention and personal safety education programs a program for preventing teen dating

violence, the Love Is Not Abuse Curriculum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1091. By Representative Weldon of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs; to create the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs; to provide legislative findings and intent; to provide for the membership, powers, duties, compensation, and allowances of the commission; to provide for the abolishment of the commission; to suspend the acceptance of applications and issuing of licenses for narcotic treatment programs for a certain period; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB 1092. By Representative Rogers of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Habersham County Airport Authority, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3684); to provide for the assets and encumbrances thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 1486. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Kaiser of the 59th, Thomas of the 56th, McClain of the 100th, Bruce of the 61st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Lovett Stovall and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1487. By Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Cheokas of the 138th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st and McClain of the 100th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1507. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, Dollar of the 45th, Jones of the 167th, Wilkinson of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Standardizing the Start Date of Georgia Public Schools; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1066	HB 1067
HB 1068	HB 1069
HB 1070	HB 1071
HB 1073	HB 1074
HB 1075	HB 1076
HB 1077	HB 1084
HB 1085	HB 1086
HB 1087	HR 1457
HR 1458	HR 1459
HR 1460	HR 1461
HR 1462	SB 271
SB 275	SB 316
SB 337	SB 348
SB 380	

Representative England of the 116th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1084	Do Pass
HB 1085	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ England of the 116th  
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 43rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 926	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 954	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1037	Do Pass	HB 1043	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1058	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Cooper of the 43rd  
Chairman

Representative Tankersley of the 160th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intra-Governmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intra-Governmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1053 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Tankersley of the 160th  
Chairman

Representative Weldon of the 3rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Juvenile Justice, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Juvenile Justice has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 229	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 713	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 725	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1073	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Weldon of the 3rd  
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 976	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1060	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1064	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Powell of the 32nd  
Chairman

Representative Maxwell of the 17th District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 498	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 654	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 727	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 889	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Maxwell of the 17th  
Chairman

Representative Coomer of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 973 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Coomer of the 14th  
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

**Modified Open Rule**

HB 381 Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts of 2015; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Welch-110th)  
HB 614 Landon Dunson Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Stovall-74th)  
HR 502 General Assembly; provide for dedication of revenues derived from fees or other assessments to the public purpose for which such fees or other assessments were imposed; authorize - CA (Substitute)(W&M-Welch-110th)

**Modified Structured Rule**

HB 166 Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act; enact (Substitute)(PS&HS-Yates-73rd)  
HB 773 Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; outstanding bond limit; increase (Substitute)(App-Houston-170th)

- HB 806 Drivers' licenses; expiration of certain licenses and identification cards; provisions (Substitute)(MotV-Tanner-9th)
- HB 838 Insurance; carriers that sell certain health plans through an agent shall compensate such agent a minimum of 5 percent of collected premiums; provide (Substitute)(Ins-Blackmon-146th)
- HB 874 Courts; ability to prosecute street gang terrorism; improve (Substitute)(JudyNC-Reeves-34th)
- HB 916 "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights"; certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; remove exception; provisions (H&HS-Hightower-68th)
- HB 948 Penal institutions; application fee paid to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles by nonindigent adult offenders applying to transfer supervision; revise (JudyNC-Powell-32nd)
- HB 949 Crimes and offenses; illegal use of financial transaction cards; revise provisions (Substitute)(JudyNC-Powell-32nd)
- HB 980 Municipal elections; reopening of qualifications under certain conditions; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Powell-32nd)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Meadows of the 5th  
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

- SB 323. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for public disclosure not to be required for any documents pertaining to an economic development project by any agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- SB 356. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Unterman of the 45th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to animals, so as to provide a definition of the term "owner"; to provide for impoundment of animals for any violation of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of said title; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for the foreclosure of liens on animals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- SB 358. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3832), so as to provide for an oath of office and its administration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to terminate the employment of appointed officers upon such persons qualifying to seek public office; to provide for the termination of employees upon qualifying to seek public office in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- SB 360. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to prohibit the mayor and councilmembers from holding any other elective or appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by said government or any agency thereof during the term for which that official was elected; to prohibit any former mayor or former councilmember from holding any appointive office in the city or being employed by the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which that official was elected; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 361. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to provide for a city manager; to provide for manner of selection, appointment, qualifications, compensation, and removal; to provide for an acting city manager; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 362. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 377. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and VanNess of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Newton County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 390. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to provide for the override of a mayoral veto under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolutions of the Senate:

SR 954. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirk of the 13th, Bethel of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion,

Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- SR 955. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, VanNess of the 43rd, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of various state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

- HB 940. By Representatives Gilligan of the 24th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Duncan of the 26th, Cantrell of the 22nd and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Forsyth County Civil Service System Act creating the Forsyth County Civil Service System, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3572), as amended, particularly by an Ordinance and Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County May 19, 2011 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5687), so as to exempt the position of IT/special projects administrator of the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Forsyth County from the application of the Forsyth County civil service system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

- SB 323. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 24th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for public disclosure not to be required for any documents pertaining to an economic development project by any agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- SB 356. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Unterman of the 45th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to animals, so as to provide a definition of the term "owner"; to provide for impoundment of animals for any violation of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of said title; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for the foreclosure of liens on animals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 358. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3832), so as to provide for an oath of office and its administration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to terminate the employment of appointed officers upon such persons qualifying to seek public office; to provide for the termination of employees upon qualifying to seek public office in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 360. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to prohibit the mayor and councilmembers from holding any other elective or appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by said government or any agency thereof during the term for which that official was elected; to prohibit any former mayor or former councilmember from holding any appointive office in the city or being employed by the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which that official was elected; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 361. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to provide for a city manager; to provide for manner of selection, appointment, qualifications, compensation, and removal; to provide for an acting city manager; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 362. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 377. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and VanNess of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Newton County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 390. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to provide for the override of a mayoral veto under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SR 954. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirk of the 13th, Bethel of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion, Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

SR 955. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, VanNess of the 43rd, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of various state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Williams of the 168th et al., Willard of the 51st, Williamson of the 115th et al., and Harden of the 148th.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 980. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Rynders of the 152nd, Clark of the 147th, Brockway of the 102nd and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for the reopening of qualifications in municipal elections under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the qualifying times for municipal elections; to provide for the reopening of qualifications in municipal elections under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit; payment of qualifying fee; pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee; and military service, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(3)(A) Each candidate for a nonpartisan municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's nonpartisan qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of such qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Nonpartisan qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the ~~last~~ third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal nonpartisan qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; ~~and~~.

(B) In any case in which no individual has filed a notice of candidacy and paid the prescribed qualifying fee to fill a particular office in a nonpartisan municipal election, the governing authority of the municipality shall be authorized to reopen qualifying for candidates at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the close of the preceding qualifying period and cease such qualifying at 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday immediately following such Monday notwithstanding the fact that such days may be legal holidays; and"

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit; payment of qualifying fee; pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee; and military service, as follows:

"(3) Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during

the municipality's qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the ~~last~~ third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; and".

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	E Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser

Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	E Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Welch of the 110th moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

HR 502. By Representatives Welch of the 110th, Powell of the 171st, Hamilton of the 24th, Roberts of the 155th, Duncan of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from fees or other assessments to the public purpose for which such fees or other assessments were imposed; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 916. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Welch of the 110th, McCall of the 33rd, Knight of the 130th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the O.C.G.A., relating to "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights;" so as to remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do

not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	E Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRicca	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 381. By Representatives Welch of the 110th, Willard of the 51st, Jacobs of the 80th, Atwood of the 179th and Strickland of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to repeal Chapter 17, relating to notaries public, and enact the "Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts of 2015"; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, so as to revise cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to repeal Chapter 17, relating to notaries public, and enact the "Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts of 2017"; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for the authority to perform a notarial act; to provide for requirements for certain notarial acts; to provide appearances and identification of individuals seeking notarization; to provide for refusal to notarize; to provide for signatures when a person is physically unable to sign a record; to provide for notarial acts performed in this state, in other states, and under authority of federally recognized Indian tribes and federal authority; to provide for foreign notarial acts; to provide for certificate of notarial act; to provide for forms; to provide for the power to commission a notary public; to provide for qualifications, examination, and commission for a notary public; to provide for the contents of an official seal; to provide for a journal; to provide for electronic records; to provide for an examination and course of study; to provide for denial, revocation, and suspension of a notary public's commission; to provide for a data base of notaries public; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for fees; to provide for change of residence, address, or name of a notary public; to provide for validity of notarial acts; to provide for rules or regulations; to provide for application, construction, savings clause, interaction with federal law, and penalties; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, so as to revise cross-references; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts of 2017."

**SECTION 2.**

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 17, relating to notaries public, and enacting a new Chapter 17 to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 17****45-17-1.**

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Acknowledgment' means a declaration by an individual that the individual has signed for the purpose stated in the record and, if signed in a representative capacity, that the individual signed with proper authority and as the act of the individual or entity identified.

(2) 'Attesting' or 'attestation' means bearing witness to a signature or execution of a record.

(3) 'Electronic' means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(4) 'Electronic signature' means an electronic symbol, sound, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by an individual with the intent to sign.

(5) 'In a representative capacity' means acting as:

(A) An authorized officer, agent, partner, trustee, or other representative for a person other than an individual;

(B) A public officer, personal representative, guardian, or other representative in the capacity stated;

(C) An agent or attorney-in-fact for a principal; or

(D) An authorized representative of another in any other capacity.

(6) 'Notarial act' means, pertaining to a record:

(A) Attesting a signature;

(B) Taking an acknowledgment;

(C) Administering an oath or affirmation which is not required by law to be administered by a particular officer;

(D) Taking a verification on oath or affirmation;

(E) Certifying or attesting a copy as authorized; or

(F) Noting a protest of a negotiable instrument.

(7) 'Notarial officer' means a notary public or other individual authorized by law to perform a notarial act.

(8) 'Person' means an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(9) 'Public record' means any document, whether in a tangible or electronic format, on file with a government entity and open to public inspection.

(10) 'Record' means information that is inscribed or that is stored and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(11) 'Sign' means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

(A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) To attach to or logically associate an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

(12) 'Signature' means a tangible symbol or an electronic signature that evidences signing.

(13) 'Verification on oath or affirmation' means a declaration, made by an individual on oath or affirmation, that a statement in a record is true.

45-17-2.

This chapter shall apply to a notarial act performed on or after July 1, 2017.

45-17-3.

(a) A notarial officer shall not perform a notarial act when such officer or his or her spouse is a party to the record being notarized or in which either such officer or his or her spouse expressly receives or could receive anything of value. A notarial act performed in violation of this subsection shall be void ab initio.

(b) A notarial officer shall have authority to:

(1) Perform a notarial act;

(2) Witness affidavits upon oath or affirmation;

(3) Make certified copies, provided that the document presented for copying is an original document and is neither a public record nor a publicly recorded document; and

(4) Perform such other acts as authorized by other laws of this state.

45-17-4.

(a) A notarial officer who takes an acknowledgment of a record shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and making the acknowledgment has the identity claimed and that the signature on the record is that of the individual.

(b) A notarial officer who takes a verification on oath or affirmation shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and making the verification on oath or affirmation has the identity claimed and that the signature is that of the individual.

(c) A notarial officer who attests to a signature shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and signing the record has the identity claimed.

(d) A notarial officer who certifies or attests a copy of a record or an item that was copied shall determine that the copy is a full, true, and accurate transcription or reproduction of the record or item.

(e) A notarial officer who makes or notes a protest of a negotiable instrument shall determine the matters set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 11-3-505.

45-17-5.

If a notarial act relates to a statement made in or a signature executed on a record, the individual making the statement or executing the signature shall appear personally before the notarial officer.

45-17-6.

(a) A notarial officer shall be deemed to have personal knowledge of the identity of an individual appearing before such officer if the individual is personally known to the officer through dealings sufficient to provide reasonable certainty that the individual has the identity claimed.

(b) A notarial officer shall be deemed to have satisfactory evidence of the identity of an individual appearing before such officer if the officer can identify the individual by means of inspecting:

(1) A current passport, driver's license, or other government issued identification card; or

(2) Another form of government identification issued to an individual that is current, contains the signature and photograph of the individual, and is satisfactory to the officer.

(c) A notarial officer may require an individual to provide additional information or identification credentials necessary to assure the officer of the identity of the individual.

45-17-7.

(a) A notarial officer may refuse to perform a notarial act if the officer knows or suspects the transaction is illegal, false, or deceptive or such officer is not satisfied that:

(1) The individual executing the record is competent;

(2) The individual executing the record has the capacity to execute the record; or

(3) The individual's signature is knowingly and voluntarily made.

(b) A notarial officer may refuse to perform a notarial act.

45-17-8.

If an individual is physically unable to sign, the individual may direct an individual other than the notarial officer to sign the individual's name so long as all parties appear personally before the notarial officer. The notarial officer shall insert 'Signature affixed by (name of other individual) at the direction of (name of individual)' or words of similar import.

45-17-9.

(a) A notarial act may be performed in any county in this state by:

(1) A notary public of this state; or

(2) Any other individual authorized by the laws of this state to perform the notarial act.

(b) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act in this state shall be prima-facie evidence that his or her signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.

(c) The signature and title of an individual described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be prima-facie evidence of the authority of such individual to perform the notarial act.

45-17-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'another state' means a state of the United States other than Georgia, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) A notarial act performed in another state shall have the same effect under the laws of this state as though performed by a notarial officer of this state if the laws of another state are substantially similar to the laws of this state and the act performed in another state is performed by:

(1) A notary public of another state; or

(2) Any other individual authorized by the law of another state to perform a notarial act.

(c) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act in another state shall be prima-facie evidence that his or her signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.

(d) The signature and title of an individual described in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be prima-facie evidence of the authority of such individual to perform the notarial act.

45-17-11.

(a) A notarial act performed under the authority and in the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian tribe shall have the same effect under the laws of this state as though performed by a notarial officer of this state if the laws of the federally recognized Indian tribe are substantially similar to the laws of this state and the act performed in the jurisdiction of the tribe is performed by:

(1) A notary public of the tribe; or

(2) Any other individual authorized by the law of the tribe to perform a notarial act.

(b) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act under the authority of and in the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian tribe shall be prima-facie evidence that his or her signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.

(c) The signature and title of an individual described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be prima-facie evidence of the authority of such individual to perform the notarial act.

45-17-12.

(a) A notarial act performed under federal law shall have the same effect under the laws of this state as though performed by a notarial officer of this state if the act performed under federal law is performed by:

(1) An individual in military service or performing duties under the authority of military service who is authorized to perform notarial acts under federal law;

(2) An individual designated a notarizing officer by the United States Department of State for performing notarial acts overseas; or

(3) Any other individual authorized by federal law to perform a notarial act.

(b) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act under federal authority shall be prima-facie evidence that his or her signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.

(c) The signature and title of an individual described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be prima-facie evidence of the authority of such individual to perform the notarial act.

45-17-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'foreign state' means a government other than the United States, a federally recognized Indian tribe, this state, or another state as such term is defined in Code Section 45-17-10. Such term shall not mean the government of Iran, Sudan, or Syria.

(b) If a notarial act is performed under authority and in the jurisdiction of a foreign state or constituent unit of a foreign state or is performed under the authority of a multinational or international governmental organization, such act shall have the same effect under the laws of this state as though performed by a notarial officer of this state.

(c) If the title of office and indication of authority to perform notarial acts in a foreign state appears in a digest of foreign law or in a list customarily used as a source for such information, the authority of an officer with that title to perform notarial acts shall be prima-facie evidence of his or her title and authority to perform notarial acts in a foreign state.

(d) The signature and official seal of an individual holding an office described in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be prima-facie evidence that his or her signature is genuine and the individual holds the designated title.

(e) An apostille in the form prescribed by the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961, and issued by a foreign state party to the convention shall conclusively establish that the signature of the notarial officer is genuine and that the officer holds the indicated office.

(f) A consular authentication issued by an individual designated by the United States Department of State as a notarizing officer for performing notarial acts overseas and attached to the record on which the notarial act is performed shall conclusively establish that his or her signature is genuine and that the officer holds the indicated office.

45-17-14.

(a) A notarial act shall be evidenced by a certificate. The certificate shall:

(1) Be executed contemporaneously with the performance of a notarial act;

(2) Be signed and dated by the notarial officer and, if the notarial officer is a notary public, be signed in the same manner as is on file with the clerk of superior court who issued the notary public's commission;

(3) Identify the jurisdiction in which the notarial act is performed;

(4) Contain the title of office of the notarial officer; and

(5) If the notarial officer is a notary public, indicate the date of expiration of the notary public's commission and identify the notarial act performed.

(b) If a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a notary public, the notary public's official seal shall be affixed to the certificate. If a notarial act is performed regarding a tangible record by a notarial officer other than a notary public and the certificate contains the information specified in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the notarial officer's official seal may be affixed to the certificate. If a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a notarial officer and the certificate contains the information specified in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the notarial officer's official seal may be attached to or logically associated with the certificate.

(c) A certificate of a notarial act shall be sufficient if it meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section and:

(1) Is in a short form set forth in Code Section 45-17-15;

(2) Is in a form otherwise permitted by the laws of this state;

(3) Is in a form permitted by the law applicable in the jurisdiction in which the notarial act was performed; or

(4) Sets forth the actions of the notarial officer and his or her actions are sufficient to meet the requirements provided in Code Sections 45-17-3 through 45-17-6.

(d) By executing a certificate of a notarial act, a notarial officer certifies that he or she has complied with the requirements and made the determinations specified in Code Sections 45-17-3 through 45-17-6.

(e) A notarial officer shall not affix his or her signature to, or logically associate it with, a certificate until the notarial act has been performed.

(f) If a notarial act is performed regarding a tangible record, a certificate shall be made a part of, or securely attached to, such record. If a notarial act is performed regarding an electronic record, a certificate shall be affixed to, or logically associated with, the electronic record and shall conform to any rules or regulations established pursuant to Code Section 45-17-30.

(g) The signature of a notarial officer certifying a notarial act shall not be evidence to show that such notarial officer had knowledge of the contents of the record so signed, other than those specific contents which constitute the signature, execution, acknowledgment, oath, affirmation, affidavit, verification, or other act which the signature of that notarial officer chronicles, nor shall a certification by a notarial officer

that a record is a certified or true copy of an original document be evidence to show that such notarial officer had knowledge of the contents of the record so certified.

45-17-15.

The following short form certificates of notarial acts shall be sufficient for the purposes indicated, if completed with the information required by subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 45-17-14:

(1) For an acknowledgment in an individual capacity:

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This record was acknowledged before me on (date) by (name(s) of individual(s)).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notarial officer

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) For an acknowledgment in a representative capacity:

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This record was acknowledged before me on (date) by (name(s) of individual(s)) as (title) of (name of party on behalf of whom record was executed).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notarial officer

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) For a verification on oath or affirmation:

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on (date) by (name(s) of individual(s) making statement).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notarial officer

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) For witnessing or attesting a signature:

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed or attested before me on (date) by (name(s) of individual(s)) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notarial officer

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) For certifying a copy of a record:

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a record in the possession of \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notarial officer

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

45-17-16.

The clerks of the superior court shall have the power to issue a commission to a notary public.

45-17-17.

(a) An applicant for a commission as a notary public shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years old;

(2) Be a citizen of the United States;

(3) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, be a legal resident of the county from which such individual is appointed;

(4) Have, and provide at the time of the application, the applicant's operating telephone number;

(5) Be able to read and write the English language;

(6) Have passed the examination required by Code Section 45-17-22;

(7) Submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides. Such sheriff shall submit such fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints, and return such report to the clerk of superior court. The sheriff shall collect the applicable fee charged by the Georgia Crime Information Center; and

(8) Not have been convicted of any felony or of any crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit in the courts of this state or another state. As used in this paragraph, the term 'another state' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 45-17-10; the term 'felony' shall mean any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation elsewhere; and the term 'conviction' shall mean a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(b) An individual qualified under subsection (a) of this Code section may apply to the clerk of superior court for a commission as a notary public. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the clerk of superior court shall determine whether the applicant may be commissioned or a renewal shall be issued. The clerk of superior court shall shred such report within five days of completing his or her review of such report. The applicant shall comply with and provide the information required by rules or regulations established pursuant to Code Section 45-17-30 and pay the application fee set forth in Code Section 15-6-77 or 15-6-77.3, as applicable.

(c)(1) Any individual who is a resident of Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee may be commissioned as a notary public by the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the individual carries on such business, profession, or employment so long as he or she meets all of the requirements of this subsection and he or she:

(A) Carries on a business or profession in the State of Georgia; or

(B) Is regularly employed in this state.

(2) The nonresident applicant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall submit the application, endorsements, and declaration of applicant required by subsection (f) of this Code section to the clerk of superior court in the county in which such individual carries on his or her business, profession, or employment. The clerk of superior court shall approve or deny such application based on the provisions of this Code section. Upon approval and payment of the fee set forth in Code Section 15-6-77 or 15-6-77.3, as applicable, the applicant shall be commissioned as a notary public of this state and shall be authorized to perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers and authorities relating to notaries public who are residents of this state.

(d) Any individual desiring to be a notary public shall submit an application to the clerk of superior court of the county in which the individual resides or, when applying under the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section, to the clerk of superior court of the county in which the individual carries on a business, profession, or employment. Except for applicants applying under the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section, the applicant shall submit proof to the clerk of superior court that he or she resides in the county in which he or she is applying. Such proof shall consist of one of the following:

(1) An unexpired Georgia driver's license;

(2) An unexpired United States passport;

(3) An unexpired voter identification card; or

(4) Such other unexpired identification issued by a local or state government or by the United States government.

(e) The applicant shall sign and swear or affirm as outlined in subsection (g) of this Code section to the truthfulness of the application which shall state:

(1) That the applicant resides or carries on a business, profession, or employment in the county of application and the address of the residence or business. The applicant shall use his or her residential address for purposes of the application and shall only use a business address for the application if the applicant is applying pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section;

(2) That the applicant is at least 18 years old;

(3) That the applicant is a citizen of the United States;

(4) That the applicant can read and write the English language;

(5) That the applicant has an operating telephone number; and

(6) All denials, revocations, suspensions, restrictions, or resignations of a notary public commission held by the applicant.

(f) A declaration of an applicant shall be signed in the presence of a notarial officer. The declaration shall be in the following form:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the personal information I have written in this application is true, complete, and correct.

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(Signature of applicant)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this day of \_\_\_\_\_, before me appeared \_\_\_\_\_, the person who signed the preceding declaration in my presence and who swore or affirmed that (he/she) understood the document and freely declared it to be truthful.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of the notarial officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal of the notarial officer)

(g) Before issuance of a commission as a notary public, an applicant for the commission shall take and subscribe before the clerk of the superior court the following oath, which shall be entered on the superior court minutes:

'I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will well and truly perform the duties of a notary public to the best of my ability; and I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any public money belonging to this state and unaccounted for, so help me God.'

(h) Upon compliance with this Code section, the clerk of superior court shall issue a commission as a notary public to an applicant for a term of four years.

(i) A commission to act as a notary public shall authorize the notary public to perform notarial acts. A commission shall not provide the notary public with any immunity or benefit conferred by the laws of this state on public officials or employees.

45-17-18.

(a) A notary public's official seal may be circular but shall not be more than two inches in diameter or may be rectangular but shall not be more than one inch in width by two and one-half inches in length. The official seal of a notary public shall:

(1) Have for its impression the notary public's name as commissioned, the words 'Notary Public,' the words 'State of Georgia,' the county name of appointment, the commission expiration date, and the unique number assigned to the notary public and issued by the clerk of superior court or his or her designee;

(2) Be photographically reproducible with the record to which it is affixed or attached or with which it is logically associated, and the impression shall be made in a manner that ensures a clear, legible, and sufficiently dark image when photocopied or scanned;

(3) Not contain any words, numbers, or symbols other than those referenced in paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(4) Be surrounded by a border except as otherwise permitted by the rules or regulations of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

(b) A notary public shall be responsible for the security of his or her official seal and shall not allow another individual to use his or her official seal to perform a notarial act. On resignation from, or the revocation or expiration of, the notary public's commission, or on the expiration of the date set forth in the official seal, if any, the notary public shall disable the official seal by destroying, defacing, damaging, erasing, or securing it in a manner that renders it unusable. On the death or adjudication of incompetency of a notary public, his or her personal representative or guardian or any other person knowingly in possession of such notary public's official seal shall render it unusable by destroying, defacing, damaging, erasing, or securing it against use in a manner that renders it unusable.

(c) If a notary public's official seal is lost or stolen, the notary public or the notary public's personal representative or guardian shall notify the clerk of superior court and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within ten days of discovering that such official seal is lost or stolen.

(d) A notary public's official seal is the property of the notary public only and shall not be retained or used by any other person including an employer of a notary public even if the employer purchased or paid for the notary public's official seal.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to supply a notary public official seal to any individual unless the individual has presented a copy of the evidence of the commissioning of the individual as a notary public. It shall be unlawful for any individual to order or obtain a notary public official seal unless such individual is commissioned as a notary public.

45-17-19.

(a) A notary public shall maintain a journal in which he or she shall chronicle all notarial acts regarding an electronic record which he or she performs, provided that on and after January 1, 2022, he or she shall chronicle all notarial acts which he or she performs. A notary public shall retain his or her journal for ten years after the performance of the last notarial act chronicled in such journal.

(b) A journal may be created on a tangible medium or in an electronic format. A notary public shall maintain only one journal at a time to chronicle all notarial acts, whether those notarial acts are performed regarding tangible or electronic records. If a journal is maintained on a tangible medium, it shall be a permanent, bound register with numbered pages. If a journal is maintained in an electronic format, it shall be in a permanent, tamper-evident electronic format that complies with the rules or regulations established pursuant to Code Section 45-17-30.

(c) A journal entry shall be made contemporaneously with performing the notarial act and contain the following information:

- (1) The date and time of the notarial act and a description of the type of notarial act;
- (2) A description of the tangible or electronic record being notarized;
- (3) The full name and address of each individual for whom the notarial act is performed;

(4) If identity of the individual is based on personal knowledge, a statement to that effect;

(5) If identity of the individual is based on satisfactory evidence, a brief description of the method of identification and the identification credential presented, including the date of issuance and expiration of the identification credential; and

(6) The fee, if any, charged by the notary public.

(d) Upon discovering that a notary public's journal is lost or stolen, the notary public shall promptly notify the clerk of superior court who issued his or her commission and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

(e) When a notary public's commission is retired, suspended, or revoked, the notary public shall transmit his or her journal to the clerk of superior court who issued his or her commission or a repository approved by such clerk of superior court. The clerk of superior court shall retain such journals for ten years and thereafter may destroy such journals or may digitally copy each journal, in which case the original journals may be destroyed by such clerk of superior court and, in lieu thereof, the digital copy of each journal shall be retained for ten years.

(f) When a current or former notary public dies or is adjudicated incompetent, such notary public's personal representative or guardian or any other person knowingly in possession of such notary public's journal shall transmit it to the clerk of superior court who issued his or her commission or a repository approved by the clerk of superior court. The clerk of superior court shall retain such journals for ten years and thereafter may destroy such journals or may digitally copy each journal, in which case the original journals may be destroyed by such clerk of superior court and, in lieu thereof, the digital copy of each journal shall be retained for ten years.

45-17-20.

Before a notary public performs his or her initial notarial act for an electronic record, the notary public shall notify the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority that the notary public will be performing notarial acts for electronic records and shall identify the technology the notary public intends to use. If the technology conforms to the specific standards adopted by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, such authority shall approve the use of the technology. A person shall not require a notary public to perform a notarial act for an electronic record with a technology that the notary public has not selected and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority has not approved.

45-17-21.

Except for the report generated as provided under paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-17-17, the information in the application for appointment and commissioning as a notary public and the journal retained by the clerk of superior court pursuant to subsection (e) or (f) of Code Section 45-17-19 shall be a matter of public record.

45-17-22.

(a) Not more than 30 days prior to a commission as a notary public or renewal being granted, an applicant shall be required to take and pass an examination based on a course of study described in subsection (b) of this Code section. The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, or an entity approved by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, shall administer such examination.

(b) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, or an entity approved by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, shall regularly offer a course of study to individuals desiring to become a notary public in this state. The course of study shall include the laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and ethics relevant to notarial acts.

45-17-23.

(a) The clerk of superior court shall review an applicant's criminal background information and a notary public's criminal background information and may deny, refuse to renew, revoke, suspend, or impose a condition on a commission as a notary public for any act or omission that demonstrates the individual lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to act as a notary public, including:

(1) Failure to comply with this chapter;

(2) A fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful misstatement or omission in the application for a commission as a notary public submitted to the clerk of superior court;

(3) A conviction of the applicant or notary public of any felony or a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit;

(4) A finding against, or admission of liability by, the applicant or notary public in any legal proceeding or disciplinary action based on the applicant's or notary public's fraud, dishonesty, or deceit;

(5) Failure by the notary public to discharge any duty required of a notary public, whether required by this chapter, rules or regulations established pursuant to Code Section 45-17-30, or any federal or state law;

(6) Use of false or misleading advertising or representation by the notary public representing that the notary public has a duty, right, or privilege that the notary public does not have;

(7) Violation by the notary public of rules or regulations established pursuant to Code Section 45-17-30 regarding a notary public; and

(8) Denial, refusal to renew, revocation, suspension, or conditioning of a notary public commission in another state, as such term is defined in Code Section 45-17-10.

(b) Any applicant who is denied a notary public commission or renewal by the clerk of superior court shall upon demand be allowed a hearing and adjudication before the clerk of superior court with a right of de novo appeal to the superior court, such appeal to be determined by the court without the intervention of a jury.

(c) Any notary public whose notarial commission is revoked by the clerk of superior court shall upon demand be allowed a hearing and adjudication before the clerk of

superior court with a right of de novo appeal to the superior court, such appeal to be determined by the court without the intervention of a jury.

(d) Whenever a clerk of superior court denies the issuance of a commission as a notary public, or refuses to renew, revokes, suspends, or imposes conditions on a commission as a notary public, such clerk shall forward the name and identifying information regarding such action to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

45-17-24.

(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall maintain an electronic data base of notaries public:

(1) Through which a person may verify the authority of a notary public to perform notarial acts; and

(2) Which indicates whether a notary public has notified the clerk of superior court that the notary public will be performing notarial acts on electronic records.

(b) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall keep a record for each notary public showing the notary public's name, address, signature, age, sex, and term of the commission and whether the notary public has been approved to perform notarial acts on electronic records.

45-17-25.

(a) A commission as a notary public shall not authorize an individual to:

(1) Assist persons in drafting legal documents, give legal advice, or otherwise practice law;

(2) Act as an immigration consultant or an expert on immigration matters;

(3) Represent an individual in a judicial or administrative proceeding relating to immigration to the United States, United States citizenship, or related matters;

(4) Receive compensation for performing any of the activities listed in this subsection; or

(5) Make certified copies of documents which are either a public record or a publicly recorded document.

(b) A notary public shall not engage in false or deceptive advertising.

(c) A notary public shall not execute a notarial certificate containing a statement known by the notary public to be false nor perform any action with an intent to deceive or defraud.

(d) A notary public, other than an attorney licensed to practice law in this state, shall not use the term 'notario' or 'notario publico.'

(e) A notary public, other than an attorney licensed to practice law in this state, shall not advertise or represent that the notary public may assist persons in drafting legal documents, give legal advice, or otherwise practice law.

(f) A notary public shall not withhold access to or possession of an original record provided by a person who seeks performance of a notarial act by the notary public.

(g) A notary public required to comply with the provisions of subsection (e) of this Code section shall prominently post at the notary public's place of business a schedule

of fees established in Code Section 45-17-27. The fee schedule shall be written in English and in any other language in which the notary public's services were solicited and shall contain the notice required in subsection (e) of this Code section, unless the notice is otherwise prominently posted at the notary public's place of business.

(h) The Attorney General or prosecuting attorney may seek injunctive relief against any notary public who violates the provisions of this Code section. Nothing in this Code section shall diminish the authority of the State Bar of Georgia.

(i) A violation of subsection (d) or (e) of this Code section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under Code Section 10-1-427 in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(j) It shall be unlawful for a notary public to issue attachments or garnishments, to approve bonds for the purpose of issuing attachments or garnishments, or to issue a summons in a dispossessory case, but a notary public may attest an affidavit in an attachment, garnishment, or dispossessory action; provided, however, that no writ or summons in such matter shall issue without first having judicial approval as provided by law.

#### 45-17-26.

The clerk of superior court shall send a copy of the certificate commissioning or recommissioning a notary public, under his or her seal of office, and remit \$2.00 of the fee collected pursuant to Code Section 15-6-77 or 15-6-77.3, as applicable, to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

#### 45-17-27.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a notary public to charge a fee greater than \$4.00 for each notarial act performed.

(b) A notary public may opt not to charge fees for notarial acts.

(c) Prior to performing a notarial act, a notary public shall inform the person requesting the notarial act of the fees permitted for each act.

(d) The authenticity of the official signature and term of commission of a notary public may be evidenced by:

(1) A certificate of authority from the clerk of superior court who issued the commission of the notary public or from the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; or

(2) An apostille in the exact form prescribed by the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961, from the United States Secretary of State, provided that an apostille shall be obtained only from the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority on or after the thirtieth day following the designation, by the United States Department of State, of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority as an authority in the United States competent to issue an apostille.

(e) The fee for a certificate of authority shall be \$4.00. The fee for an apostille shall be \$10.00.

(f) An apostille as specified by the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961, shall be attached to any document requiring authentication that is bound for a nation that has signed and ratified the Hague Convention.

45-17-28.

(a) When a notary public's telephone number, residence address, or business address, whichever address was used for the purpose of commissioning, has changed, within 30 days of such change such notary public shall notify, and verify by signature and official seal, the clerk of superior court who issued the commission to him or her and provide a copy of such notice to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority. The notice shall contain both the old and new addresses or old and new telephone numbers, as applicable.

(b)(1) When a notary public's name has changed, within 30 days of such change such notary public shall notify, and verify by signature and official seal, the clerk of superior court who issued the commission to him or her and provide a copy of such notice to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority. The notice shall contain both the old and new names and new signature.

(2) A notary public with a new name may begin to officially sign his or her new name on notarial certificates after:

(A) The notice described in paragraph (1) of this subsection has been received by the clerk of superior court;

(B) A confirmation of the notary public's name change has been received from the clerk of superior court; and

(C) A new official seal bearing the new name exactly as indicated in the confirmation has been obtained.

45-17-29.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 45-17-3, the failure of a notarial officer to perform a duty or meet a requirement specified in this chapter shall not invalidate a notarial act performed by the notarial officer. The validity of a notarial act under this chapter shall not prevent an aggrieved person from seeking to invalidate the record or transaction that is the subject of the notarial act or from seeking other remedies based on a law of this state other than this chapter or law of the United States. This Code section shall not validate a purported notarial act performed by an individual who does not have the authority to perform notarial acts.

45-17-30.

(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall adopt rules or regulations to implement this chapter. The rules or regulations shall establish the standards for the use of and the type of tamper-evident technology that shall be used to perform notarial acts for electronic records. Rules or regulations adopted regarding the performance of notarial acts for electronic records shall not require, or accord greater

legal status or effect to, the implementation or application of a specific technology or technical specification. The rules or regulations may:

- (1) Prescribe the manner of performing notarial acts regarding tangible and electronic records;
  - (2) Include provisions to ensure that any change to or tampering with a record bearing a certificate of a notarial act is self-evident;
  - (3) Include provisions to ensure integrity in the creation, transmittal, storage, or authentication of electronic records or signatures;
  - (4) Prescribe the process of granting, renewing, conditioning, denying, suspending, or revoking a notary public commission and assuring the trustworthiness of an individual holding a commission as a notary public;
  - (5) Include provisions to prevent fraud or mistake in the performance of notarial acts;
  - (6) Prescribe the specifications of a notary public's official seal as set forth in Code Section 45-17-18;
  - (7) Prescribe the acceptable format for a notary public's journal as set forth in Code Section 45-17-19 and determine how and when such journals may be inspected and who will perform such examinations;
  - (8) Provide for the administration of the examination and course of study set forth in Code Section 45-17-22;
  - (9) Prescribe fees for online training and testing of notaries public; and
  - (10) Prescribe advertisement criteria as set forth in Code Section 45-17-25.
- (b) In adopting, amending, or repealing rules or regulations for notarial acts for electronic records, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall consider, so far as is consistent with this chapter:
- (1) The most recent standards regarding electronic records promulgated by national bodies such as the National Association of Secretaries of State;
  - (2) Standards, practices, and customs of other jurisdictions with substantially similar laws as Georgia; and
  - (3) The views of governmental officials and entities and other interested persons.

45-17-31.

A commission as a notary public in effect on July 1, 2017, shall continue until its date of expiration. With the exception of replacing an official seal prior to renewal, a notary public, in performing notarial acts after July 1, 2017, shall comply with this chapter.

45-17-32.

(a) This chapter shall not affect the validity or effect of a notarial act performed before July 1, 2017.

(b) No document executed prior to July 1, 2017, which would otherwise be eligible for recording in the real property records maintained by any clerk of superior court or constitute record notice or actual notice of any matter to any person shall be ineligible for recording or fail to constitute such notice because of noncompliance with the requirement that the document contain a notary public's official seal.

45-17-33.

(a) Any individual who violates subsection (e) of Code Section 45-17-18 or subsection (d) of Code Section 45-17-25 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Any individual who performs a notarial act without complying with the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction for the first or second violation be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction for a third or subsequent violation be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00, or both."

**SECTION 3.**

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, is amended by revising subsection (c) and paragraph (9) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-6-77, relating to fees, as follows:

"(c) In all counties in this state where the clerk of the superior court is paid or compensated on a salary basis, the fees provided for in this Code section shall be paid into the county treasury less and except such sums as are otherwise directed to be paid pursuant to Code Section 15-6-61 or 45-17-27 and such sums as are collected pursuant to Code ~~Section~~ Sections 36-15-9 and ~~Code Section~~ 15-6-77.4, which sums shall be remitted to such authorities as provided by law. Fees, sums, or other remuneration for the performance of duties provided for under the laws of the United States or regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws shall be as provided in such laws or regulations as personal compensation to the clerk of the superior court for the performance of such duties."

"(9) Issuing ~~certificate of appointment and reappointment~~ commissions and recommissions to notaries public, as provided by Code Section ~~45-17-4~~ 45-17-17..... 20.00"

**SECTION 4.**

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of Code Section 15-6-77.3, relating to additional fees in counties with populations in unincorporated areas of 350,000 or more, as follows:

"(4) Issuing ~~certificate of appointment and reappointment~~ commissions and recommissions to notaries public, as provided by Code Section ~~45-17-4~~ 45-17-17..... 8.00"

**SECTION 5.**

For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority as provided in new Code Section 45-17-30, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 6.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Welch of the 110th moved that HB 381 be recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

The motion prevailed.

HB 773. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Hatchett of the 150th, Rogers of the 29th, Battles of the 15th and Tankersley of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, is amended in Code Section 50-26-10, relating to issuance of bonds by the authority, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i)(1) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for its single-family residential housing program in an aggregate amount exceeding ~~\$1.3 billion~~ \$3 billion, excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

(2) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for financing of enterprises, other than enterprises contained in a health facility and other than housing, exceeding \$140 million and shall not issue any such bonds or notes after June 30, 1995; provided, however, that such limitations shall not apply with respect to bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

(3) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for the financing of health care services exceeding \$30 million; provided, however, that such limitations shall not apply with respect to bonds and notes issued to refinance outstanding bonds and notes.

(4) Any limitations with respect to interest rates or any maximum interest rate or rates found in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' the usury laws of this state, or any other laws of this state do not apply to bonds of the authority."

### SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	N Tarvin
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	E Jordan	Y Pruet	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
N Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser

Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Gardner	Y Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	N Gilligan	Y Martin	Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 948. By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-9-90 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to application fee required for transfer consideration, so as to revise the application fee paid to the Department of Community Supervision or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles by nonindigent adult offenders when applying to transfer supervision to any other state or territory; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatcher	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	E Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E

Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Gardner	E Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Willard of the 51st District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 734	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1025	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 1027	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Willard of the 51st  
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 614. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Brockway of the 102nd, Scott of the 76th, Benton of the 31st and Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a

pilot program for the placement of video monitoring cameras in classrooms providing special education services; to provide for program requirements; to provide for a program evaluation; to provide for funding; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the placement of video monitoring cameras in classrooms providing special education services; to provide for requirements; to provide for funding; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Landon Dunson Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.2.

(a) The Department of Education is authorized to provide for the placement of video monitoring cameras and equipment by a school in self-contained classrooms in which students receive special education services. The Department of Education is authorized to approve local school systems for participation and may approve local school systems which already utilize video monitoring cameras and equipment in their special education self-contained classrooms through an application process. The department or an approved local school system may approve schools in the local school system for participation. A local school system or school may, in its sole discretion, agree to participate.

(b) Participating local school systems or schools shall provide, at a minimum, for:

(1) Prior notice of the placement of video monitoring cameras to the parents or guardians of each student in the approved classrooms;

(2) The retention of videos recorded from video monitoring cameras placed pursuant to this Code section for no less than three months from the date of the recording;

(3) The coverage by video monitoring cameras of all areas of the approved classrooms, to the extent practical; and

(4) Procedures and requirements to protect the confidentiality of student records contained in videos recorded from video monitoring cameras placed pursuant to this Code section in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Article 15 of this chapter.

(c) The video monitoring cameras shall only be used for purposes of classroom instruction, monitoring classroom interactions, and teacher observation, and review of recorded material shall only be for such purposes, except with the written permission of the parent or guardian of a child or pursuant to the subpoena of a court of competent jurisdiction. Recorded material, including identity of students or demographics of students, shall not be used for marketing purposes.

(d) The Department of Education shall provide guidelines and criteria regarding the effectiveness, feasibility, and benefits, including any impact on safety, and the Department of Education may require participating local school systems or schools to conduct an evaluation. If the department requires such evaluations, the department shall collect and report the results of such evaluation to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

(e)(1) The department shall serve as a state level flow through point for any available state or federal funding.

(2) Local school systems may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any person or entity for use in placing video monitoring cameras in classrooms pursuant to this Code section."

### SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	N Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	E Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley

Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efrstration	E Jordan	Y Pruet	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	N England	N Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	N Floyd	N Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkinson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	E Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Willard
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Williams, A
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, C
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williamson
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	N McCall	Y Sharper	Y Yates
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Ralston, Speaker
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 6.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 166. By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Powell of the 32nd, Harbin of the 122nd, Smith of the 125th and Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for the safe operation of a lightweight motorcycle or motor vehicle through an inoperative traffic-control signal; to repeal certain provisions relating to handlebars; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-6-314 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to footrests and handlebars regarding motorcycles, so as to revise provisions regarding height of handlebars; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 40-6-314 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to footrests and handlebars, is amended as follows:

"40-6-314.

(a) Any motorcycle carrying a passenger, other than in a sidecar or enclosed cab, shall be equipped with footrests for such passenger.

(b) No person shall operate any motorcycle with handlebars more than ~~45~~ 25 inches in height above that portion of the seat occupied by the operator or with a backrest more commonly known as a sissy bar that is designed in such a way as to create a sharp point at its apex."

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites

Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	E Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 838. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Meadows of the 5th, Epps of the 144th, Rhodes of the 120th, Smith of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance general provisions, so as to provide that carriers that sell certain health insurance plans in this state through an agent shall compensate such agent a minimum of 5 percent of the collected premiums; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide for the compensation of health insurance agents in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection and Guarantee of Service for Health Insurance Consumers Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agent' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 33-23-1.

(2) 'Carrier' means any entity licensed to provide health insurance in this state and which is subject to state insurance regulation.

(3) 'Health benefit plan' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 33-30A-1.

(4) 'Premium' means the consideration paid in exchange for coverage under a health benefit plan.

(b) Any carrier that issues a health benefit plan in this state through an agent shall compensate such agent a minimum of 5 percent of the premium collected on a group health benefit plan and a minimum of 4 percent of the premium collected on an individual health benefit plan for the first term and for each renewal term thereafter, so long as such agent reviews coverage and provides ongoing customer service for such plan; provided, however, that no such compensation shall be required for:

(1) Any individual health benefit plan sold during a special enrollment period; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to renewals of any individual health benefit plan sold during a special enrollment period that renews during the open enrollment period; or

(2) The initial term or any renewal term of any health benefit plan sold to any employer, whether or not self-employed, if at the time of such initial term or renewal term such employer employs more than 50 bona fide employees on at least half of its working days. For purposes of this paragraph, affiliated companies or companies that are eligible to file a combined tax return for purposes of state taxation shall be considered single employers."

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Hugley of the 136th was excused from voting on HB 838.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	N Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M

Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
N Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Pak	Y Stephens, R
N Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	N Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	N Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	N Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	N Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	E Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	E Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	E Jordan	N Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	N Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
N Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Y Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Welch
N Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	N Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	E Mabra	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
N Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	N Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	N Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 145, nays 17.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 874. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Golick of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Strickland of the 111th, Ramsey of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 11 of Title 15, Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 24, and Code Section 42-5-18 of the O.C.G.A., relating to access to hearings and records, crimes and offenses, relevant evidence and its limits, and items prohibited for possession by inmates, respectively, so as to improve the ability to prosecute street gang terrorism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 9 of Chapter 11 of Title 15, Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 24, and Code Section 42-5-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to hearings and records, crimes and offenses, relevant evidence and its limits, and items prohibited for possession by inmates, respectively, so as to improve the ability to prosecute street gang terrorism; to provide for the admissibility of juvenile adjudications under certain circumstances; to clarify provisions relating to terroristic threats and acts; to provide for misdemeanor punishment of terroristic threats under certain circumstances; to correct a cross-reference; to increase penalties for unlawful activities connected with criminal street gang activity and provide for certain mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment; to change provisions relating to the admissibility of evidence of the existence of criminal street gangs; to provide for the admissibility of similar transaction evidence in prosecutions for criminal street gang activity; to increase penalties for providing items prohibited for possession by inmates and provide for mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 9 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to hearings and records, is amended by revising Code Section 15-11-703, relating to the use of disposition and evidence, as follows:

"15-11-703.

Except as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 24-6-609, the disposition of a child and evidence adduced in a hearing in the juvenile court ~~may~~ shall not be used against such child in any proceeding in any court other than as provided in Code Section 16-15-9 or 24-4-418 or for a proceeding for delinquency or a child in need of services, whether before or after reaching 18 years of age, except in the establishment of conditions of bail, plea negotiations, and sentencing in criminal offenses; and, in such excepted cases, such records of dispositions and evidence shall be available to prosecuting attorneys, superior or state court judges, and the accused and may be used in the same manner as adult records. Whenever such record of disposition is filed in a superior or state court or admitted into evidence in a superior or state court proceeding, it shall be filed under seal."

**SECTION 2.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-11-37, relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, as follows:

"16-11-37.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'hazardous substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-8-92.

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of a terroristic threat when he or she threatens to  
~~commit;~~

(A) Commit any crime of violence,~~to release;~~

(B) Release any hazardous substance,~~as such term is defined in Code Section 12-8-92, or to burn; or~~

(C) Burn or damage property~~with.~~

(2) Such terroristic threat shall be made:

(A) With the purpose of terrorizing another ~~or;~~

(B) With the purpose of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation ~~or;~~

(C) With the purpose of otherwise causing serious public inconvenience; ~~or in~~

(D) In reckless disregard of the risk of causing such the terror, evacuation, or inconvenience described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.

(3) No person shall be convicted under this subsection on the uncorroborated testimony of the party to whom the threat is communicated.

~~(b)(c)~~ A person commits the offense of a terroristic act when:

(1) He or she uses a burning or flaming cross or other burning or flaming symbol or flambeau with the intent to terrorize another or another's household;

(2) While not in the commission of a lawful act, he or she shoots at or throws an object at a conveyance which is being operated or which is occupied by passengers; or

(3) He or she releases any hazardous substance or any simulated hazardous substance under the guise of a hazardous substance ~~for;~~

(A) For the purpose of terrorizing another ~~or;~~

(B) For the purpose of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation ~~or;~~

(C) For the purpose of otherwise causing serious public inconvenience; ~~or in~~

(D) In reckless disregard of the risk of causing such the terror, evacuation, or inconvenience described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.

~~(e)(d)~~(1) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic threat shall be punished as a misdemeanor; provided, however, that if the threat suggested the death of the threatened individual, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both; provided, however, that if any person suffers a serious physical injury

as a direct result of an act giving rise to a conviction under subsection (b) of this Code section, the person so convicted shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250,000.00, ~~or~~ imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 40 years, or both.

~~(d)~~(e) A person who commits or attempts to commit a ~~terroristic threat or act~~ violation of subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$50,000.00, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years, or both, when such act is done with the intent to retaliate against any person for or intimidate or threaten any person from:

(1) Attending a judicial or administrative proceeding as a witness, attorney, judge, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or party or producing any record, document, or other object in a judicial or official proceeding; or

(2) Providing to a law enforcement officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, prosecuting attorney, or judge any information relating to the commission or possible commission of an offense under the laws of this state or of the United States or a violation of conditions of bail, pretrial release, probation, or parole.

~~shall be guilty of the offense of a terroristic threat or act and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished, for a terroristic threat, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years or by a fine of not less than \$50,000.00, or both, and, for a terroristic act, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years or by a fine of not less than \$100,000.00, or both."~~

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-37.1, relating to dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts, as follows:

"16-11-37.1.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to furnish or disseminate through a computer or computer network any picture, photograph, drawing, or similar visual representation or verbal description of any information designed to encourage, solicit, or otherwise promote terroristic acts as defined in Code Section 16-11-37. Any person convicted for violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature; provided, however, that if such act is in violation of paragraph (1) of subsection ~~(d)~~ (e) of Code Section 16-11-37, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00 or both."

### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (k) of Code Section 16-15-4, relating to the prohibition of participating in criminal gang activity, as follows:

"(k)(1) Any person who violates subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, in addition to any other penalty imposed, ~~by law, be punished by~~ shall be sentenced to imprisonment for ~~not less than~~ five ~~nor~~ years but not more than 15 20 years or ~~by pay~~ a fine of not less than \$10,000.00 nor more than \$15,000.00, or both.

(2) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section through the commission of a violation of Code Section 42-5-18 shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, in addition to any other penalty imposed, shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years but not more than 20 years which shall be served consecutively to any other sentence imposed, and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court.

~~(2)(3)~~ (3) Any person who violates subsection (d) of this Code section ~~may~~ shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, in addition to any other penalty ~~provided by law, be punished by~~ imposed, shall be sentenced to imprisonment ~~for an additional ten~~ for five years but not more than 20 years which shall be served consecutively to any other sentence imposed ~~on such person by law~~.

~~(3)(4)~~ (4) Any person who violates subsection (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), or (j) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof, in addition to any other penalty ~~provided by law, be punished by~~ imposed, shall be sentenced to imprisonment ~~for not less than three nor more than ten~~ for five years but not more than 20 years."

#### SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-15-9, relating to commission of offense admissible as evidence of existence of criminal street gang and criminal gang activity, as follows:

"16-15-9.

~~The commission~~ For the purpose of proving the existence of a criminal street gang and criminal gang activity, the commission, adjudication, or conviction of any offense enumerated in paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-15-3 by any member or associate of a criminal street gang shall be admissible in any trial or proceeding ~~for the purpose of proving the existence of the criminal street gang and criminal gang activity.~~ Evidence offered under this Code section shall not be subject to the restrictions in paragraph (22) of Code Section 24-8-803."

#### SECTION 6.

Chapter 4 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to relevant evidence and its limits, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"24-4-418.

(a) In a criminal proceeding in which the accused is accused of conducting or participating in criminal gang activity in violation of Code Section 16-15-4, evidence of the accused's commission of criminal gang activity, as such term is defined in Code

Section 16-15-3, shall be admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant.

(b) In a proceeding in which the prosecution intends to offer evidence under this Code section, the prosecutor shall disclose such evidence to the accused, including statements of witnesses or a summary of the substance of any testimony that is expected to be offered, at least ten days in advance of trial, unless the time is shortened or lengthened or pretrial notice is excused by the judge upon good cause shown.

(c) This Code section shall not be the exclusive means to admit or consider evidence described in this Code section."

### SECTION 7.

Code Section 42-5-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to items prohibited for possession by inmates, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) An inmate ~~A person~~ who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years; provided, however, if ~~a person~~ an inmate violates this Code section while being held pursuant to an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor offense, the possession of a telecommunications device in violation of this Code section shall be treated as a misdemeanor.

(2) A person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of two years but not more than five years, and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court."

### SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	N Metze	N Smith, E
N Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	N Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	N Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	N Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	N Dawkins-Haigler	N Henson	Y Nimmer	N Smyre
Y Barr	N Deffenbaugh	N Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	N Oliver	N Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	N Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	N Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	N Stovall

Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	N Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Y Bentley	N Douglas	N Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	N Drenner	N Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
N Beverly	N Dukes	Y Jones, J	Powell, A	N Tarvin
E Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	N Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	N Ealum	N Jones, S	N Prince	Y Teasley
N Bruce	Y Efstrotation	E Jordan	N Pruettt	N Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Y Ehrhart	N Kaiser	N Quick	N Thomas, E
N Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	N Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	N Turner
Y Caldwell, J	N Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	N Waites
N Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
N Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	N Fludd	Y LaRiccia	Y Rhodes	Weldon
Y Carson	N Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	N Wilkerson
N Carter, D	N Gardner	N Mabra	E Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	N Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	N Glanton	Y Maxwell	N Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	N Mayo	Y Setzler	N Williams, E
Y Clark, H	N Gordon	Y McCall	N Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	N McClain	Y Shaw	Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 106, nays 60.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Shaw of the 176th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 949. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Lumsden of the 12th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal use of financial transaction cards, and Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to revise a definition; to

revise provisions of law relating to government purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the issuance of government purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the conditions for such issuance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal use of financial transaction cards, and Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to revise and provide for definitions; to revise provisions of law relating to government purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the issuance of government purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the conditions for such issuance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal use of financial transaction cards, is amended by revising paragraph (5.2) of Code Section 16-9-30, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(5.2) 'Government' means:

- (A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, commission, and authority;
- (B) Every county, municipal corporation, school system, or other political subdivision of this state;
- (C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, commission, authority, or similar body of each such county, municipal corporation, school system, or other political subdivision of this state; ~~and~~
- (D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of this state; ~~and~~
- (E) Every locally elected clerk of superior court, judge of the probate court, sheriff, tax receiver, tax collector, or tax commissioner."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is amended by revising Code Section 36-80-24, relating to limitation on elected

official's use of government issued purchasing or credit cards and policy development, as follows:

"36-80-24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'constitutional officer' means the locally elected clerk of superior court, judge of the probate court, sheriff, tax receiver, tax collector, or tax commissioner.

~~(a)~~(b) An elected official of a county, municipal corporation, local school system, or consolidated government or a constitutional officer shall be prohibited from the use of a government purchasing card or a government credit card unless:

(1) Such purchases are solely for items or services that directly relate to such official's or constitutional officer's public duties; and

(2) Such purchases are in accordance with guidelines adopted by the county, municipal corporation, local school system, ~~or~~ consolidated government, or constitutional officer.

~~(b)~~(c) Documents related to such purchases incurred by such elected officials or constitutional officers shall be available for public inspection.

~~(e)~~(d) No such county, municipal corporation, local school system, or consolidated government shall issue government purchasing cards or government credit cards to elected officials on or after January 1, 2016, until the governing authority of such county, municipal corporation, local school system, or consolidated government, by public vote, has authorized such issuance and has promulgated specific policies regarding the use of such government purchasing cards or government credit cards for elected officials. No constitutional officer shall issue government purchasing cards or government credit cards to himself, herself, or his or her employees on or after July 1, 2016, until he or she has promulgated specific policies regarding the use of such government purchasing cards or government credit cards that apply to himself or herself and his or her employees and such policies have been filed with the governing authority of the county. If an elected official of such county, municipal corporation, local school system, or consolidated government.—Such or constitutional officer promulgates specific policies regarding the use of such government purchasing cards or government credit cards, such, policies shall include the following:

(1) Designation of officials or employees who shall be authorized to be issued such government purchasing cards or government credit cards;

(2) A requirement that, before being issued a government purchasing card or government credit card, authorized users shall sign and accept an agreement with the county, municipal corporation, local school system, ~~or~~ consolidated government, or constitutional officer issuing the government purchasing card or government credit card that such users will use such cards only in accordance with the policies of the issuing governmental entity or constitutional officer;

(3) Transaction limits for the use of such cards;

(4) A description of purchases that shall be authorized for use of such cards;

(5) A description of purchases that shall not be authorized for use of such cards;

(6) Designation of a government purchasing card or government credit card administrator;

(7) A process for auditing and reviewing purchases made with such cards; and

(8) Procedures for addressing a violation of such purchasing card or credit card policies and imposing penalties for violations, including, but not limited to, revocation of purchasing card or credit card privileges. Nothing in such procedures or any administrative action taken pursuant thereto shall preclude any other civil or criminal remedy under any other provision of law."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016.

### SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
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Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
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Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
E Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efratration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	E Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson

Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 806. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Tankersley of the 160th, Epps of the 144th, Caldwell of the 131st and Rice of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the expiration of certain licenses and identification cards issued by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for the suspension of a driver's license upon receipt of conviction reports from a court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the expiration of certain licenses and identification cards issued by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for the suspension of a driver's license upon receipt of conviction reports from a court; to provide for multiple effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended by revising Code Section 40-5-32, relating to expiration and renewal of licenses and reexamination requirements, as follows:

"40-5-32.

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, every driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the ~~fifth~~ eighth year following the issuance of such

license. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any commercial driver's license that contains an H or X endorsement as defined in subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-150 shall expire on the date of expiration of the licensee's security threat assessment conducted by the Transportation Security Administration of the United States Department of Homeland Security. ~~An applicant for a Class C, E, F, or M noncommercial driver's license who is under age 60 shall at the applicant's option apply for a license which shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fifth or eighth year following the issuance of such license. Every such license shall be renewed on or before its expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and, if applicable, satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

(2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of this Code section, every veteran's, ~~or~~ honorary, or distinctive license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the eighth year following the issuance thereof ~~until the holder reaches age 65 and shall thereafter be subject to renewal pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection on or before his or her birthday every five years.~~ The department may allow a veteran, ~~or~~ honorary, or distinctive license holder to retain his or her expired veteran's, ~~or~~ honorary, or distinctive license as a souvenir.

(3) Every driver's license shall be renewed on or before its expiration date upon application, payment of the required fee, and, if applicable, satisfactory completion of the examination required by subsection (c) of this Code section. Nothing in this Code section shall be interpreted as affecting the rights and privileges of any person holding a veteran's, honorary, or distinctive license, or authorizing the imposition of a charge or fee for the issuance or renewal of such licenses.

(4) The commissioner shall issue such rules and regulations as are required to enforce this subsection.

(b) An application for driver's license renewal may be submitted by means of:

(1) Personal appearance before the department; or

(2) Subject to rules or regulations of the department which shall be consistent with considerations of public safety and efficiency of service to licensees, means other than such personal appearance which may include without limitation by mail or electronically. The department may by such rules or regulations exempt persons renewing drivers' licenses under this paragraph from the license surrender requirement of subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-20.

(c)(1) The department shall require every person who is age 64 or older applying for issuance or renewal of a driver's license to take and pass successfully such test of his or her eyesight as the department shall prescribe.

(2) The commissioner may issue such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this subsection."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-53, relating to reporting of convictions to the department, destruction of license by department, and requirements for issuance of new license in certain instances, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Every court in each county of this state having jurisdiction over offenses committed under this chapter and Chapter 6 of this title or any other law of this state or ordinance adopted by a local authority regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways shall forward to the department, within ten days after the conviction of any person in such court for a violation of any such law other than regulations governing speeding in a noncommercial motor vehicle for which no points are assigned under Code Section 40-5-57, standing, or parking, a uniform citation form authorized by Article 1 of Chapter 13 of this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, in satisfaction of the reporting requirement of this subsection, the courts of this state shall transmit the information contained on the uniform citation form by electronic means, using the electronic reporting method approved by the department. Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the department shall pay to the clerk of the court forwarding the required report 40¢ for each report transmitted electronically in a timely manner as required in this subsection; and notwithstanding any general or local law to the contrary, the clerk shall pay such fees over to the general fund of the city or county operating the court.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, a report of any conviction received by the department two or more years after the date of final disposition shall be noted on a person's driving record and such conviction shall be made available in accordance with Code Sections 40-5-2 and 40-5-155. No such conviction shall result in the suspension of a driver's license as such term is defined in paragraph (17) of Code section 40-5-1, provided that the department determines that two or more years have elapsed since the date the driver's license was surrendered in accordance with the provisions set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-61 and no new driver's license was subsequently issued.

(3) A report of any conviction for an offense covered under Code Section 40-5-54, or Code Sections 40-6-391 through 40-6-395, or violating a federal law or regulation or the law of any state or a valid municipal or county ordinance substantially conforming to any offense covered under Code Section 40-5-54 or Code Sections 40-6-391 through 40-6-395, regardless of the date such report of conviction is received by the department, shall be considered for purposes of revoking a driver's license in accordance with Code Section 40-5-58.

(4) Any report of any conviction for a violation of Article 7 of this chapter, regardless of the date such report of conviction is received by the department, shall be considered for purposes of disqualifying a person's commercial driver's license, commercial driver instruction permit, or commercial driving privileges in accordance with Code Section 40-5-151."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-100, relating to personal identification cards, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) ~~The An~~ An identification card issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for a period of ~~five or~~ eight years, ~~at the option of the applicant,~~ and shall bear the signatures

of the commissioner and the Governor, and shall bear an identification card number which shall not be the same as the social security number."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-150, relating to contents of license, classifications, endorsements, and restrictions, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) Except as provided for in Code Section 40-5-21.1, the commercial driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthdate in the  ~~fifth~~   eighth  year following the issuance of such license."

#### SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-172, relating to identification cards for persons with disabilities, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)  ~~The~~   An  identification card for persons with disabilities shall be issued to a person with a permanent disability for a period of  ~~five~~   eight  years and shall be renewable on the applicant's birthday in the  ~~fourth~~   seventh  year following such issuance. Such identification cards shall be issued to persons:

- (1) With obvious permanent disabilities without further verification of disability; and
- (2) With disabilities which are not obvious upon presentation of the current sworn affidavit of at least one medical doctor attesting to such permanent disability. A current affidavit shall be presented at each request for renewal."

#### SECTION 6.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Subsection (b) of Code Section 40-5-53 as amended by Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

#### SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer

Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstration	E Jordan	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fleming	Y Kirby	Y Randall	Y Watson
Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
Y Cantrell	Y Fludd	Y LaRiccica	Y Rhodes	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Lott	Y Rice	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter, A	Y Frye	E Lumsden	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter, D	Y Gardner	Y Mabra	E Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chandler	Y Gilligan	Y Martin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolution of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 1363. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Weldon of the 3rd, Bennett of the 80th, Stephenson of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Special Study Committee on Judicial Qualifications Commission Reform; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Cooke	Y Harden	Y Metze	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Coomer	Y Harrell	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
N Allison	Y Cooper	Y Hatchett	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
E Atwood	Y Corbett	Y Hawkins	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Henson	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hightower	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dempsey	Y Hitchens	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickerson	Y Holcomb	Y Pak	Y Stephens, R
Y Belton	Y Dickey	E Holmes	E Parrish	Y Stephenson
E Bennett, K	Y Dickson	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stovall
Y Bennett, T	Y Dollar	Y Howard	Y Peake	N Stover
Y Bentley	Y Douglas	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Strickland
Y Benton	Y Drenner	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tankersley
Y Beskin	Y Dudgeon	Y Jasperse	Y Pirkle	Y Tanner
Y Beverly	Y Dukes	Y Jones, J	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Duncan	Y Jones, L	Y Price	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Ealum	Y Jones, S	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bruce	Y Efstraction	E Jordan	Y Pruet	Y Thomas, A.M.
E Bryant	Ehrhart	Y Kaiser	Y Quick	Y Thomas, E
Y Buckner	Y England	Y Kelley	Y Raffensperger	Y Trammell
Y Burns	Y Epps	Y Kendrick	E Rakestraw	Y Turner
Y Caldwell, J	Y Evans	Y Kidd	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
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Y Cannon	Floyd	Y Knight	Y Reeves	Y Welch
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Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Marin	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
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Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Maxwell	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Mayo	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y McCall	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y McClain	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y Meadows	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Pursuant to HR 1215, the House recognized and commended Christian Tetzlaff.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1514. By Representative Ramsey of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2016, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1515. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Price of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Betty Rowland Voyles; and for other purposes.

HR 1516. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Atwood of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Police Benevolent Association of Georgia and recognizing its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1517. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th and Kidd of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Leadership Putnam Class of 2016; and for other purposes.

HR 1518. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th and Dunahoo of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Louie E. Gailey; and for other purposes.

HR 1519. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st, Randall of the 142nd and Beverly of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Boeing Company upon the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1520. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Trammell of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Doug and Vicky Matthews upon being selected as the 2016 Meriwether County Boy Scout Distinguished Citizen of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1521. By Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Dollar of the 45th and Sharper of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2016, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1522. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Thomas of the 56th, Abrams of the 89th and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating Howard University's 149th Charter Day Celebration; and for other purposes.

Representative Coleman of the 97th District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 864     Do Pass, by Substitute  
HB 895     Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Coleman of the 97th  
Chairman

Representative Rynders of the 152nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 781     Do Pass, by Substitute  
HB 1031    Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rynders of the 152nd  
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1066 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Powell of the 32nd  
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 171st District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 951 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Powell of the 171st  
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 171st District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 364	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 471	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 793	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 828	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 960	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 982	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 990	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1014	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Powell of the 171st  
Chairman

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.