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DAILY REPORT

9th
Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 10th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 29 Skidaway Island, City of; compliance with constitutional requirements; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 29 amends the act to incorporate the city of Skidaway Island by providing for two homestead exemptions. The first provides for a \$12,000 city tax exemption from the assessed value of the home for each resident. The second provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, for each resident of the city. Lastly, the bill states the election superintendent of Chatham County shall call a special election on the third Tuesday in March 2019 in order to approve the exemptions and incorporate the city within Chatham County.

Authored By:	Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)	Rule Applied:	Structured
House Committee:	Governmental Affairs	Committee Action:	01-30-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 1	Amendments:	

HR 1 Nathan Deal Judicial Center; naming the forthcoming new state appellate judicial complex

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1 declares that the state appellate judicial complex be designated and known as the "Nathan Deal Judicial Center".

Authored By:	Rep. David Ralston (7th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House Committee:	State Properties	Committee Action:	01-30-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 159 Nays: 2	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Adopted (Resolution)		

Local Calendar

HB 50 Lincoln County; office of elected county surveyor; abolish

Bill Summary: This bill abolishes the office of elected county surveyor of Lincoln County.

Authored By:	Rep. Tom McCall (33rd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 155 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 51 Quitman County Water and Sewerage Authority; change number of members serving on authority

Bill Summary: This bill changes the number of members on the Quitman County Water and Sewerage Authority to five board members.

Authored By:	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 155 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 52 Clay County; judge of Probate Court shall also serve as magistrate of the Magistrate Court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill states the judge of the Clay County Probate Court shall also serve as the magistrate of the Clay County Magistrate Court beginning on January 1, 2021, or upon the vacancy of the office of the magistrate.

Authored By:	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 155 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 54 Fitzgerald, City of; levy an excise tax

Bill Summary: This bill modifies the city of Fitzgerald's excise tax on lodging to align the tax with both the provisions of general law and the city's resolution relating to the expenditure of funds from the levy of the excise tax.

Authored By:	Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 155 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 72 Clayton County; Board of Commissioners; provide salaries of chairperson and members

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the salaries of the chairperson and members of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. The chairperson shall receive an annual salary equal to the then-current base salary and any cost-of-living and longevity increases of the superior court judges of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, plus \$15,000. The chairperson shall also receive an annual expense allowance of \$5,000, in addition to being entitled to a county automobile while on county business. The other four members of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$35,202 each. The commissioners shall also receive an annual expense allowance of \$3,000.

Authored By:	Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: Nays:	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Recommit to Committee		

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 10th Legislative Day, Thursday, February 7, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 11th Legislative Day.

HB 21 Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill adds an 11th judge to the Superior Court of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2022, and until his or her successor is elected. The judge has the same powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities as other superior court judges, and is authorized to employ court personnel as his or her counterparts in the Gwinnett Circuit. The non-partisan judicial election will be held in 2022. The term, starting January 1, 2023, is for four years.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 01-29-2019 Do Pass

HB 28 Griffin Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill adds a fifth judge to the Superior Court of the Griffin Judicial Circuit. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2022, and until his or her successor is elected. The judge has the same powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities as other superior court judges, and is authorized to employ court personnel as his or her counterparts in the Griffin Circuit. The non-partisan judicial election will be held in 2022. The term, starting January 1, 2023, is for four years.

Authored By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (73rd)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 01-29-2019 Do Pass

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Economic Development & Tourism Committee

HB 23 Public utilities and public transportation; electric membership corporations and their affiliates to provide broadband services; specifically authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 23 authorizes electric membership corporations (EMCs) and their affiliates to provide broadband services, in addition to authorizing financing and partnerships. This bill prohibits cross-subsidization between an EMC's broadband services and its natural gas and electric activities. To ensure the EMCs do not cross-subsidize, yearly audits will take place. Additionally, the member or customer has the recourse to take a situation to a superior court judge, who will make a ruling on whether or not the EMC has failed to comply with the cross-subsidization clause. Lastly, the bill prohibits EMCs from disconnecting broadband service if the customer does not pay their electric or gas bill and vice versa.

Authored By: Rep. Penny Houston (170th)
House Committee: Economic Development & Tourism

Committee Action: 02-06-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

Thursday, February 07, 2019

8:00 AM	NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIROMENT	606 CLOB
8:00 AM	APPROPRIATIONS	341 CAP
9:00 AM	RULES	341 CAP
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 10)	House Chamber
1:00 PM	INTERSTATE COOPERATION	506 CLOB
1:00 PM	EDUCATION	606 CLOB
1:30 PM	Academic Achievement Subcommittee	606 CLOB
2:00 PM	JUDICIARY	132 CAP
2:00 PM	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	HUMAN RELATIONS AND AGING	515 CLOB