The House will reconvene for its 34th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.
The Rules Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19th.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 571 Ben Hill County; Magistrate Court chief judge; provide nonpartisan elections
Bill Summary: House Bill 571 specifies that elections for the office of chief judge of the Ben Hill County Magistrate Court shall be nonpartisan.

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HB 572 Ben Hill County; probate judge; provide nonpartisan elections
Bill Summary: House Bill 572 specifies that elections for the office of probate judge of Ben Hill County shall be nonpartisan.

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HB 595 Jenkins County; Probate Court judge; provide nonpartisan elections
Bill Summary: House Bill 595 provides that future elections for the office of the judge of the Jenkins County Probate Court shall be nonpartisan.

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HR 259 Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee on Heat-Related Injuries, Cardiac Injuries, and other Sports-Related Injuries; create
Bill Summary: House Resolution 259 establishes the Johnny Tolbert, III House Study Committee on Heat-Related Injuries, Cardiac Injuries, and Other Sports-Related Injuries. This committee is composed of five members of the House, appointed by the speaker, and will be abolished on December 1, 2019.

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SB 67  Capital Outlay Funds; eligibility for regular funding, advance funding for educational facilities; destroyed by fire or natural disaster; provide

**Bill Summary:** SB 67 allows school systems which have experienced damage from a fire or natural disaster to immediately qualify for regular state capital outlay funds, regular advance capital outlay funds, and low-wealth capital outlay funds. Furthermore, these funds may be used for a portion of the building that was not damaged, but is at least 20-years old. Second, the bill adds an additional criteria for school systems to qualify for low-wealth capital outlay grants. School systems that are consolidating educational facilities according to their local facilities plan and where five years of SPLOST revenue does not generate enough for the local required match qualify for low-wealth capital outlay grants.

**Authored By:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Appropriations  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 162 Nays: 0
removal of a coroner.

**SB 156  Insurance; division of a domestic insurer into two or more resulting domestic insurers; provide**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 156 provides that any domestic insurer may divide into two or more resulting insurers pursuant to a plan of division.

**Authored By:** Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Insurance  
**Action:** 03-13-2019 Do Pass  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169  Nays: 0  
**Amendments:**

**SB 170  State and Other Flags; Honor and Remember flag as the state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the members of the armed forces; designate**

**Bill Summary:** SB 170 designates the Honor and Remember flag as the state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the members of the armed forces who have given their lives in the line of duty. Designated areas where the flag may be displayed for visibility to the public is also included in the bill. Local governments may display the flag at any local government building and any department or agency may adopt guidelines as necessary.

**Authored By:** Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**House Committee:** Special Rules  
**Action:** 03-13-2019 Do Pass  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165  Nays: 0  
**Amendments:**

**SB 171  Courts, Primaries and Elections, and Ad Valorem Taxation; compensation of various local government officials; modify**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 171 increases the minimum salaries for each clerk of the superior court, judge of the probate court, sheriff, tax commissioner, and tax collector in this state, based on population levels established by the decennial census. Minimum salaries will be automatically adjusted annually based on certain increases provided to state employees. The bill increases the additional minimum monthly salary for a clerk of the superior court who serves as clerk of a state court and also for a sheriff who performs additional duties as sheriff for a court or courts. Minimum monthly salaries are increased for the chief deputy registrar and tax collectors or commissioners who perform duties of the sheriff.

The effective date for the census is changed from July 1 to January 1 of the first year after the year that the census was conducted.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Wilkinson (50th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs  
**Action:** 03-13-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: Nays:  
**Floor Action:** Recommit to Rules  
**Amendments:**

**SB 177  General Assembly; requirements for consideration of local legislation revising existing districts or creating new districts; provide**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 177 provides requirements for local bills which revise or create districts for county boards of commissioners, county boards of education, independent boards of education, or municipal governing authorities. A plan to create or revise districts must be drawn or certified by the staff of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly. When the local government entity wishes to have districts drawn, they must contact a member of the General Assembly who represents the area and request a letter of sponsorship. If a member of the General Assembly proceeds with a local bill containing a district plan that was not drawn or certified
by the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office, a letter from the office will be
attached to the bill stating that the district plan has not been certified.

**SB 202**  Title Insurance; lender's security interest; personal property taken by the lender as collateral for a commercial loan; allow

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 202 allows title insurance to be procured on a lender's security interest in personal property taken by the lender as collateral for a commercial loan.

Local Calendar

**HB 596**  Washington County; State Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee

Bill Summary: House Bill 596 authorizes the Washington County State Court to assess and collect a technology fee.

**HB 597**  Sparks, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: House Bill 597 provides a new charter for the city of Sparks.

**HB 598**  Harlem, City of; change corporate boundaries

Bill Summary: House Bill 598 changes the corporate boundaries of the city of Harlem.

**HB 600**  Monroe County; Board of Commissioners; provide for the removal of the duties of disbursements

Bill Summary: House Bill 600 provides for the oath of office for the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and provides for removal proceedings for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, as well as incompetence or neglect of duty.
HB 601  Statham, City of; governing organization; revise provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 601 revises provisions governing organization of the city of Statham government.

Authored By: Rep. Terry England (116th)  
Rule Applied: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee 03-14-2019 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 157  Nays: 0

Amendments:

HB 603  Floyd County; Board of Education; provide for compensation of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 603 provides for the compensation of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)  
Rule Applied: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee 03-14-2019 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 157  Nays: 0

Amendments:
Committee Actions

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

Banks & Banking Committee

SB 20 Counties and Municipal Corporations; establishment of banking improvement zones; areas underserved; provide

Bill Summary: SB 20 adds a new Code section to provide for the establishment of banking improvements zones. "Banking improvement zones" are areas within the jurisdiction of a local government set up for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of branches or representative offices of a bank where the community is currently being underserved by banking services. To form a banking improvement zone, local governments must submit an application to the Department of Community Affairs. In determining whether to establish a banking improvement zone, the department will consider the current number of banking sites in the area, consumer need, the economic viability and local credit needs of the local government, existing commercial development in the area, potential economic development caused by additional banking services, and whether any potential gains to a bank from an interest agreement is ample consideration for a substantial public benefit. Local governments may choose to designate a bank as the depository for local government funds through an ordinance or a resolution, which also designates a fixed interest rate for the local government that is at or below the posted two-year certificate of deposit rate at the bank.

Authored By: Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

House Committee: Banks & Banking

Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

SB 157 Public Funds; when funds shall be considered to held by a depository; specify; State Depository Board certain policies and procedures related to deposit placement programs; establish

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 157 amends the requirements for depositories of county and school funds to allow for their participation in deposit placement programs, so long as: the full amount of principal and accrued interest of each financial deposit instrument is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; each institution in which the funds are deposited is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and any third-party service provider facilitating the placement of the deposits is approved by the State Depository Board. The bill also requires that the State Depository Board establish policies and procedures for providing this approval, as well as for monitoring these deposit placement programs, by December 31, 2019.

Authored By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th)

House Committee: Banks & Banking

Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

Insurance Committee

SB 132 Insurance; modernization and updates; provide; Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; repeal Article 2 of Chapter 29A

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 132 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections. Additionally, this bill repeals the Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool effective July 1, 2019.

Authored By: Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)

House Committee: Insurance

Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
SB 133  Insurance; modernization and updates; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 133 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections.

Authored By: Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 184  State Employees' Health Insurance Plan; services covered and furnished by a federally qualified health center are reimbursed at no less than the Medicare maximum; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 184 requires that starting January 1, 2020, any contracts entered into or renewed by the Department of Community Health for health care coverage for enrollees under the State Health Benefit Plan must include payment for services furnished to enrollees by federally-qualified health centers in an amount no less than the applicable Medicare maximum allowable reimbursement rate to federally-qualified health centers for any such service.

Authored By: Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 602  Rome Building Authority; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 602 creates the Rome Building Authority.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 607  Chatham County; State Court judges; provide for an accountability court supplement

Bill Summary: House Bill 607 provides for an accountability court supplement of $6,000 for judges of the Chatham County State Court if the court has implemented a drug court, mental health court, under the influence court, or veterans court division.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 608  Hoboken, City of; change corporate limits

Bill Summary: House Bill 608 changes the corporate limits of the city of Hoboken.

Authored By: Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 610  Carroll County; Magistrate Court; authorize to charge a technology fee for each conviction of a traffic or ordinance violation

Bill Summary: House Bill 610 authorizes the Carroll County Magistrate Court to charge a technology fee for each conviction of a traffic or ordinance violation.

Authored By: Rep. J. Collins (68th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass
HB 611  South Fulton, City of; levy an excise tax

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 611 authorizes the governing authority of the city of South Fulton to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Derrick Jackson (64th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 612  Hapeville, City of; homestead exemption for residents 65 years or older; provide

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 612 provides a $20,000 homestead exemption from city of Hapeville ad valorem taxes for residents who are 65 or older, who are veterans, or who are disabled.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Dreyer (59th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 614  Hapeville, City of; increase existing homestead exemption to $15,000.00

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 614 increases a city of Hapeville homestead exemption from $10,000 to $15,000.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Dreyer (59th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 616  Polk County; grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term; provide

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 616 provides that the grand jury of Polk County shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term.

**Authored By:** Rep. Trey Kelley (16th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 617  Haralson County; grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term; provide

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 617 provides that the grand jury of Haralson County shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term.

**Authored By:** Rep. Trey Kelley (16th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

HB 619  Newton County; coroner; provide for salary supplements authorized by the governing authority

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 619 provides for salary supplements for the coroner of Newton County as authorized by the governing authority.

**Authored By:** Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass

**Juvenile Justice Committee**

SB 167  Relative Search by DFCS; foster placement for a child adjudicated as a dependent; determine such child’s permanency plan; provide

**Bill Summary:** SB 167 increases the amount of preference given to foster parents regarding custody cases. Six months from the date a relative receives notice of a dependency hearing and fails to
demonstrate an interest in and willingness to provide a permanent home for a child, the court may excuse the Division of Family and Children Services from considering the relative as a placement. Moreover, the court may presume that continuation of the child's placement with current caregivers is in the best interest of the child if the court finds that the child has been living in a stable home environment for 12 months and that removal of the child would be detrimental to the child's well-being.


SB 225  Juvenile Code; in conformity with the federal Social Security Act and the Family First Prevention Services Act; bring provisions

Bill Summary: SB 225 updates and revises the Code to comply with ‘The Family First Prevention and Services Act’ in order to maintain federal funding. In order to preserve the tribal culture of children who are members of a federally-recognized Native American Tribes, the bill increases the standard of evidence in proving maltreatment in dependency cases involving such children. SB 225 creates a new type of placement for children called a “Qualified Residential Treatment Program” that has a trauma-informed treatment model designed to address the needs, including clinical needs, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders, as well as the ability to implement the treatment identified through assessment to determine the appropriateness of placing a child within the program. The bill lists the qualifications for clinicians working in the program, procedures for assessing this placement, judicial oversight, and the mechanism for a child's family to work through a case plan overseen by the court and the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS). The program must also be licensed in accordance with federal law. Moreover, the bill adds to existing legal requirements to provide vital records to youth aging out of foster care by requiring DFCS to provide any official documentation necessary to prove a youth was previously in foster care for more than six months.

Authored By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  Committee: Juvenile Justice  Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass by Committee

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

SB 6  Correctional Institutions of the State and Counties; use of unmanned aircraft systems to deliver or attempt to deliver contraband to a place of incarceration; prohibit

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 6 prohibits the intentional use of unmanned aircraft to provide or deliver contraband to an inmate. The bill also prohibits any person from using an unmanned aircraft to photograph or otherwise record images of a place of incarceration for criminal purposes without the authorization of the warden, the superintendent, or his or her designated representative. Any person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of these provisions is guilty of a felony. The sentence for a contraband violation is imprisonment of at least one year but not more than 10 years. The sentence for a recording violation is imprisonment of at least one year but not more than five years.


Regulated Industries Committee

SB 153  Trauma Scene Cleanup Services; comprehensive regulation; provide

Bill Summary: SB 153 regulates for-hire trauma scene cleanup companies through a registration process. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is directed to oversee the registration process, promulgate rules and regulations, provide the proper forms, and maintain a current list of all registered trauma scene waste management practitioners on the GBI website. A trauma scene waste management practitioner must apply with the GBI and: pay a $100 registration fee; submit to a
fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); submit a surety bond in the amount of $25,000; and provide proof of insurance coverage in the amount of at least $100,000. The registration is valid for three years and may be renewed every three years thereafter with a $100 renewal fee and completed application. It is unlawful to perform or engage in the cleanup of a trauma scene unless properly registered with the GBI. Moreover, trauma scene waste management practitioners must provide a good faith estimate of expected cost of services to clients.

Authored By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries
Committee Action: 03-18-2019 Do Pass
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.

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