Population Acts of Georgia: A Pernicious Profusion of Confusion

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FOREWORD

This book is a continuation of a work commenced originally when I was on staff at the Office of Legislative Counsel. The work has been a 'labor of love' of mine for several decades now. The 2013 edition was a significantly expanded and revised version of that initial work. The 2018 edition represents a continuation of the effort to keep the materials up to date. Grateful acknowledgement and appreciation is expressed to Mr. Rick Ruskell, Legislative Counsel of the Georgia General Assembly, for his ongoing cooperation, support, and assistance in helping keep this invaluable resource available and current.

The population Act was and remains a deceptive mechanism in Georgia through which the general law of the state is changed for particular municipalities or counties. The Constitution specifically prohibits the enactment of local or special laws in cases for which provision has been made by general law. A population Act, euphemistically known as a general law of local application, purports to be a 'valid' method by which this crystal clear prohibition can be ignored.

The courts of this state have remained, for the most part, unpersuaded by the legal fiction put forth by population Acts. Under cases such as *Dougherty County v. Bush*, 227 Ga. 137 (1971); *Strickland v. Richmond* County, 243 Ga. 462 (1979); & *Board of Commissioners v. Clayton County School District*, 250 Ga. 244 (1982); and many others, a test is used to analyze the dubious validity of these measures. The test consists of three questions regarding legislation which classified political subdivisions by population. First, is the classification open ended so as to allow subdivisions to come into and fall out of the classification? Second, does it apply only to a single entity? Third, is the classifying device reasonably related to the purpose of the legislation? Very few population Acts comply with this test. Regardless of their unconstitutionality in the eyes of the courts, the use of this legislative 'tool' continued.

An attempt to address the issue was made when the Constitution of 1983 was adopted. It contained a new prohibition found in Art. III, Sec. VI, Para. IV(b) which forbade the passage of population bills. However, the prohibition was not applicable to all population Acts, but was limited only to population bills "as defined by the General Assembly". The General Assembly followed with an implementing general law. The entire text of this statute, O.C.G.A. 28-1-15, follows this Foreword and warrants a thorough perusal. The breadth and scope of this Code section has essentially shut the door on the enactment of new population Acts. Population Acts enacted prior to 1997 remain in place, at least until challenged in court or repealed by the General Assembly.

While substantive amendment is not permitted, the brackets may be revised to remain applicable to the target political subdivisions. There is a caveat that must be expressed on this point. Under paragraph (5) of subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. 28-1-15, a 'remain applicable' amendment means that the provisions remain applicable to those political subdivisions to which the provisions applied *immediately prior to the time the most recent census figures became available*. The most recent census figures, for the most part, became effective July 1, 2012. Thus, a 'remain applicable' amendment is limited in function to applying to political subdivisions to which a provision applied *immediately prior to July 1, 2012*. As a practical matter, this means that a 'remain applicable' amendment can operate to continue applicability ONLY regarding the affected political subdivisions from the 2000 census to the 2010 census. If a political subdisvision failed to update population brackets from the 1990 census to the 2000 census, then it is now too late to update from the 1990 census to the 2010 census if different political subdisvisions are involved. To illustrate by example, suppose a population Act applied to County A under the 1990 census. Under the 2000 census, that population Act applied to Counties A & B. No 'remain applicable' amendment was done at the time the 2000 census figures became effective. Under the 2010 census, the population Act still applies to Counties A & B. It is no longer possible to do a 'remain applicable' amendment to eliminate the applicability to County B. This is because *immediately prior* to July 1, 2012, the population Act applied to

Counties A & B.

Repeals of these Acts have taken the form of individual repeals as well as a bill containing a large number of repeals, Ga. L. 2001, p. 1473. One might immediately inquire how such a mass repealer passes muster under Art. III, Sec. V, Para. III of the Constitution which provides that "(n)o bill shall pass which refers to more than one subject matter or contains matter different from what is expressed in the title thereof." In fact, the use of this type of repealer has withstood judicial scrutiny on that very basis in *Brd. Of Public Edu. For the City of Savannah & Chatham Co. v. Hair*, 276 Ga. 575 (2003).

The 2010 decennial census has been conducted and governing authorities as well as city and county attorneys may wish to examine carefully whether population Acts apply, or don't apply, to their political subdivisions. A comprehensive User's Guide has been included to assist in any review which may be conducted. Local officials should remain mindful of the varying dates regarding when the 2010 decennial census figures became applicable to Georgia statutes. These dates are specified in O.C.G.A. 1-3-1(d)(2) and this text is set forth for the convenience and ready reference of the reader immediately following this Foreword.

This publication is current through the 2018 regular session of the General Assembly and it is my sincere hope that the book will be an informative and useful research tool for all who have occasion to travel through its pages. It is my intention that this volume not be a static publication. Updated, electronic copies will continue to be provided at www.gmanet.com and www.accg.org, for the convenience and accessibility of interested local officials and local government attorneys. Please be encouraged to point out any errors that you may find so that they may be corrected in the subsequent edition of this book. I hope you will e-mail them to me at jscheuer@accg.org or submit them directly to me at ACCG, 191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Please remain mindful that this book is solely and exclusively for informational purposes. The review remarks cannot and do not reflect a detailed or thorough understanding of the governmental operations, political atmosphere, and social needs of each locality. Consequently, nothing stated in these pages either constitutes or should be viewed as constituting a legal opinion.

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SPECIAL DEDICATION

A LONG overdue acknowledgement and tipping of my hat is expressed to Ms. Lynn Whitten, Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Georgia General Assembly, for her MANY years of cooperation, support, and assistance in the publication of this book. Without her help, I don't know what I would have done. I extend my deepest and most profound thanks to a skilled bill drafter, a valued colleague, and a treasured and dear friend. I wish you every success in the next chapter of your life. Your absence will be felt keenly and make the General Assembly a much poorer place. It has been a profound honor to have worked with you and I bid you farewell and hope your path takes you to the "Second star to the right and straight on til morning."

EFFECTIVE DATES OF CENSUS

(Current through July 1, 2018)

For purposes of Georgia statutes, the effective dates of the census are provided in O.C.G.A. Section 1-3-1(d)(2), relating to construction of statutes generally. That portion of the Code section reads as follows:

(2) CENSUS. Whenever there is used in the statutory law of this state the term "federal census," "United States census," "decennial census," or similar words referring to the official census conducted every ten years by the United States of America or any agency thereof as required by Article I, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the United States, the effective date of such census for the purpose of making operative and of force anystatutory law of this state shall be determined as follows:

(A) The effective date of the census shall be July 1 of the first year after the year in which the census is conducted, for the purpose of making operative and of force the following laws:

(i) Code Section 15-16-20;

(ii) Code Sections 15-6-88 through 15-6-91;

(iii) Code Section 48-5-183;

(iv) Code Sections 15-9-63 through 15-9-66;

(v) Code Section 36-5-25;

(vi) Code Section 15-10-23; and

(vii) Code Section 45-16-11;

provided, however, that if a county's population decreases according to a more recent census below its population according to an earlier census, then, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any officer who is compensated under a law specified in this subparagraph and who is in office on the date specified in this subparagraph shall continue during his entire tenure in such office (including any future terms of office in such office) to be compensated on the basis of the county's population according to such earlier census;

(B) For purposes of any program of grants of state funds to local governments, the effective date of the census shall be July 1 of the first year after the year in which the census is conducted;

(C) For the purpose of reconstituting the membership of any constitutional or statutory board, commission, or body whose members are appointed from congressional districts, the effective date of the census shall be January 1 of the third year after the year in which the census is conducted;

(D) The effective date of the census shall be July 1 of the second year after the year in which the census is conducted for the purpose of making operative and of force all other statutory laws which do not expressly provide otherwise.

O.C.G.A. Section 28-1-15

(Current through July 1, 2018)

(a) This Code section is passed pursuant to the authority of Article III, Section VI, Paragraph IV, subparagraph (b) of the Constitution, and no population bill shall be passed and no bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions may expressly or impliedly amend, modify, supersede, or repeal this Code section.

(b) As used in this Code section, "political subdivision" means any county, municipality, county school district, independent school district, judicial circuit, militia district, or any other geographical area of the state which does not include the entire area of the state.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, "population bill" means any bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state. "Population bill" shall not include the following:

(1) A bill applicable to one specified type of political subdivision and containing a combination of population classifications which includes the population of and affects all political subdivisions of the type specified, including but not limited to state-wide minimum salary bills for county officers;

(2) A bill classifying political subdivisions having less than a specified population and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect the legality of any bills classifying political subdivisions having less than a specified population enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988;

(3) A bill classifying political subdivisions having more than a specified population and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect:

(A) The legality of any bills classifying political subdivisions having more than a specified population enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988; or

(B) The passage or legality of any bills amending bills referred to in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph with respect to specific subject matter contained in such bills on July 1, 1988;

(4) A bill classifying political subdivisions on the basis of the population of standard metropolitan statistical areas and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect the legality of any bills classifying on the basis of the population of standard metropolitan statistical areas enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988;

(5) A bill amending a law which classifies political subdivisions on the basis of population if that amendment merely changes the population classification of such law so as to permit that law to remain applicable to those political subdivisions to which that law was applicable immediately prior to the time the most recent census figures became applicable to those political subdivisions; or

(6) A bill repealing a law which classifies on the basis of population.

In order to be permissible under the foregoing exceptions, a bill must fit within only one of the foregoing exceptions; and any bill which uses two or more of the foregoing classification devices shall be a prohibited "population bill."

(c.1) (1) A population bill shall also mean any bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state with respect to the following:

(A) The salary of any officer, official, or employee of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; provided, however, that the limitation provided for in this subparagraph shall not apply to state-wide minimum salary bills for county officers which are authorized under paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(B) The property, affairs, or operation of the governing authority of a county or municipality, including, but not limited to, any matters pertaining to municipal annexation, deannexation, incorporation, or dissolution.

(2) Except as provided in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, any population bill which meets any of the classification criteria of this subsection shall be a prohibited population bill even if such bill is described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section. Any such bill enacted prior to July 1, 1997, or which became effective July 1, 1997, may thereafter be repealed as authorized under paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section or may only be amended as authorized under paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate any judicially imposed requirements for Acts classifying on the basis of population.

USING THIS REFERENCE

First Things First

It is recommended that you flip through the book and familiarize yourself with its overall structure as well as what is inside. The Foreword provides some useful history and background of population Acts. Hopefully a read through of this reference guide which will answer most questions.

Get the Numbers

The second step is to find your county's (or city's) population. There are 2 readily available sources for this information. First, look in Vol. 42A of the O.C.G.A., the local law index. Beginning on page 63 of the 2018 Supplement, you will find an alphabetical listing of all Georgia counties with separate columns detailing the population of each county under the 2010 census as well as every census dating back to the 1930 census. On page 69 of that Supplement, you will find a numerical listing in descending order of each county and its population under the 2010 census. This exact same information may also be found in Volume III of Georgia Laws (the tan colored hard bound compilation of the general and local Acts enacted by the General Assembly) for 2011 or subsequent years. NOTE, if you use Georgia Laws, be certain you are using the most recent year following the 2011 edition. The 2010 set will NOT have the 2010 census numbers in the charts and will only be current through the 2000 census. The most recent year following the 2011 edition will contain any official updates to the census figures.

Identifying the Population Acts that Affect Your County or City

The third step is to go to the Table of Contents immediately following this reference guide. You will find an alphabetical listing of each county (as well as cities). To the right of each county name is a listing of every page in the book on which that county appears. Please note that this listing covers ALL of the census columns and is NOT limited just to the 2010 column. Further, if there is a population Act for a miscellaneous entry, as well as other categories with one exception noted below, and that entry applies to your county, there will be a page reference so noted in the Table of Contents under your county's name. To use this book for a city, simply follow the same path as if researching a county.

Using the listing of pages from the Table of Contents, turn to each listed page and consult the census columns. By simply reviewing the listings of counties under the census columns you can ascertain at a glance whether:

1) A population Act that applied to your county under a previous census continues to apply under the 2010 census;

2) a population Act that applied to your county under a previous census no longer applies your county under the new 2010 census due to population gain or loss; or

3) A population Act that did not apply to you county under a previous census now does apply to your county under the 2010 census due to population gain or loss.

The 2 columns on the right side of the page will give a very brief description of what the population Act does and will include a citation to where the text of the provision can be found. If the population Act is uncodified (*i.e.* it does not appear in the O.C.G.A.), there will ONLY be a citation to the most recent amendment thereto as found in Georgia Laws. If the population Act has been codified, there will be a Code section citation, as well as a Georgia Laws reference to the most recent amendment thereto.

Note that the listings do not include:

(1) Minimum salary provisions for county officers like sheriffs or tax commissioners;
(2) Local constitutional amendments (these are covered in detail in a different publication); or
(3) Fees or other types of comprehensive bracket schedules that specify bracketed ranges covering all cities or all counties (e.g. Code Section 33-8-8(b)(1)).

If you do NOT see any entries for your county in the Index, DO NOT assume that there are no population Acts. You still need to consult the Broadly Focused Statutes – Counties listings beginning on Page 109. These are listed ONLY by population and NOT by county name since they apply to so many jurisdictions. It is very important that you do not omit this step since there are NUMEROUS population Acts referenced here. Also, be certain to consult the Miscellaneous listings as these contain numerous entries regarding population Acts that apply to all cities in a county of a specified population as well as other classifications.

One might be tempted to simply turn to the part of the book that lists populations close to that of your county. There is a high degree of likelihood that something will get missed if you limit your review to just this method, so I recommend highly that you follow the above steps for the sake of completeness.

Policy Decisions and Legislation

If you determine that your county is impacted either because it no longer is within the correct population range of a desired and previously existing population Act OR because it has found itself now within the population range specified by the population Act and consequently is subject to new and unwanted statutory requirements, then you should consult with your local officials and determine whether it is best to either repeal the population Act OR to seek an amendment to it that keeps the provision applicable only to the jurisdictions which were covered by it immediately prior to the date the new census figures became effective. For the bulk of population Acts, this date is July 1, 2012, but there are several exceptions which are detailed at the beginning of this book on the page, Effective Date of Census. Also, be certain to review the limitation on the use of 'remain applicable' amendments. This caveat is covered in detail in the 4th paragraph of the FOREWARD.

Once the policy decision has been made to seek either a repeal or an amendment, then you should consult with a member of the General Assembly who represents your county and request their assistance. The legislator will then take the request to the Office of Legislative Counsel and that office will prepare the appropriate bill. As a final note, please remain mindful that population Acts are NOT local bills. They are general bills of local application and are subject to the constitutional, statutory, and procedural rules and timelines that apply to ALL general bills.

ACCG Can Help

If you are uncertain or unclear about anything, please call me at 404-522-5022 or email me:

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Also, please don't hesitate to let me know what your suggestions are for improving the usability of the book. Contact me if I can help.

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Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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Fulton County	Fulton County	Fulton County	Fulton County Gwinnett County	Retirement system; credits transfer	Ga. L. 1972, p. 3277 Ga. L. 2002, p. 1473

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DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County Gwinnett County	DeKalb County	Cobb County	Taxes due and payable in two installments: Penalties; interest	48-5-24(b) Ga. L. 2012, p. 688

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DeKalb County Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Commission for collecting intangible recording taxes	48-6-73 Ga. L. 2002, p. 1294

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Fulton County	Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Total costs for services of clerk of superior court for civil cases	15-6-77.2 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2046

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DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County Gwinnett County	DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County	Duty of sheriff toward persons charged with violation of county ordinance	15-16-10(c) Ga. L. 2002, p. 1473

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Police retirement	Ga. L. 1939, p. 278 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2347
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Retirement system: officers and employees	Ga. L. 1961, p. 3244 Ga. L. 1992, p. 1700
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County governing authority shall appoint county registrars	21-2-212(e) Ga. L. 2005, p. 253

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Retirement system, pension rights	Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 3000 Ga. L. 1978, p. 4546
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Volunteer legal services program for indigent persons	Ga. L. 1979, p. 3131 Ga. L. 1992, p. 1056
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Justice of the peace emeritus position created	Ga. L. 1967, p. 2313 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2351
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Jury clerk; juror questionnaires	15-12-11(a) Ga. L. 2011, p. 59

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Deposit of funds held for third party or litigant for safekeeping into county treasury	36-6-16.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2350
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Police and firefighters' retirement	Ga. L. 1963, p. 2268 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2343
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Location for sheriff's sales of personal property	9-13-161.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2344
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Certain employees of such a county probation system to continue as members of local retirement system	47-2-296(f) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2344

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Legal defense of indigent persons	Ga. L. 1967, p. 3014 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2054

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Cobb County	Fulton County	Cobb County	Cobb County	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(e) Ga. L. 2002, p. 688

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Increase benefits for police, firefighters' retirement	Ga. L. 1969, p. 3652 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3257
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Authority of senior superior court judge relating to county law library	36-15-9(a.1) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1103

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Power of judge of probate court to administer oath of office	15-9-33(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Lease of airport property lying within such counties	6-3-25(4) Ga. L. 1987, p. 631
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Tax commissioner to appoint chief deputy	48-5-128.1(a) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Per diem allowance for directors of development authority	36-62-5(c) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1706
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Eligibility of chief deputy clerk of probate court to fill probate judge vacancy	15-9-2(c) Ga. L. 1983, p. 544

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Additional two members for county board of family and children services	49-3-2(f) Ga. L. 1981, p. 960
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Assessment against private property for cost for repair of public way resulting from private construction	32-4-42(11) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Purchasing department	Ga. L. 1941, p. 408 Ga. L. 1998, p. 583
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County building authority established	Ga. L. 1980, p. 4488 Ga. L. 1996, p. 625

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Civil service board	Ga. L. 1979, p. 4346
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County governing authority authorized to supplement salaries of former employees of county probation system	47-2-296(e) & (h)(1) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1809
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Supplemental storage of records by superior court clerk	Ga. L. 1982, p. 3851
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Sheriff's compensation	Ga. L. 1977, p. 3274 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3171
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Payment to such county as partial reimbursement for membership in a local retirement system of employees of county board or department of health	47-2-297(a) Ga. L. 1988, p. 920

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Additional fees for clerk of superior court	15-6-77.1 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Courthouse annex to be additional registrar's office for absentee ballots	21-2-382(b) Ga. L. 2010, p. 914
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Subsection inapplicable (relates to keeping open office of county board of registrars until duties completed)	21-2-490(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Alternative homestead tax deferral for elderly for tax exceeding 4% of gross household income	48-5-72.1(a) Ga. L. 1988, p. 466
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Merger of county probation system into state system	42-8-43.1(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1605

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Right to negotiate private sale of county property	36-9-3(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Defines "county" for purposes of Code section relating to retirement membership for teachers of county school systems	47-3-67(a)(2) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1207
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Authority to issue citations for violation of county ordinances	36-13-5.1 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Authority to assess against property cost of repairing public way resulting from private construction	36-1-18(a) Ga. L. 1981, p. 3259
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Citations authorized for violation of county ordinances	36-1-17 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3261

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Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Subsection inapplicable (allows employees of county probation systems the option of retiring under a local retirement system)	47-2-296(e) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1809
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Criminal court: "agency" designation, accusations	Ga. L. 1973, p. 2674 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3278
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Approving county probation system's becoming part of state-wide probation system	Ga. L. 1982, p. 5099
Fulton County	Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Compensation for board of education	Ga. L. 1978, p. 3929 Ga. L. 1981, p. 4362

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Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Larger maximum size for outdoor advertising signs	32-6-75(11) Ga. L. 1973, p. 947

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Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Form of condemnation procedure for school boards and system	20-2-522 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
DeKalb County Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Code section inapplicable (authorizes General Assembly or county governing authority to create the office of county manager)	36-5-22(c) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2341
Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Fees, costs, and commissions; disposition by officials	Ga. L. 1967, p. 3148

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		Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District	12-5-573(4) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115

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		Fulton (contiguous Carroll County* Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County* DeKalb County Douglas County* Fayette County* Forsyth County* Gwinnett County) DeKalb (contiguous Clayton County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Rockdale County*) Cobb (contiguous Bartow County* Cherokee County Douglas County* Fulton County Paulding County*)	Fulton (contiguous Carroll County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Gwinnett County) DeKalb (contiguous Clayton County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Rockdale County*) Cobb (contiguous Bartow County Cherokee County Douglas County Fulton County Paulding County)	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Opt out by contiguous county of 100,000 or less. (Asterisk denotes 100,000 or less.)	12-5-573(4) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115

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		Gwinnett (contiguous Barrow County* DeKalb County Forsyth County* Fulton County Hall County Rockdale County* Walton County*)	Gwinnett (contiguous Barrow County* DeKalb County Forsyth County Fulton County Hall County Rockdale County* Walton County*)		

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DeKalb County Fulton County	DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Powers and duties of county board of health relating to conditions on private property which are injurious to public	31-5-10(a) Ga. L. 1985, p. 388

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Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chief deputy designated by candidate for clerk of state court to be on ballot	21-2-17 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2590

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Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Issuance of marriage licenses at satellite courthouses	19-3-31 Ga. L. 1995, p. 567
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Probate judge offices at satellite courthouses	15-9-81(a) Ga. L. 1995, p. 568

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DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Defining "campus"	20-8-1(1) Ga. L. 1984, p. 596
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Additional board of equalization at election of county governing authority; appeal to be decided by any two members of board of equalization	48-5-311(a)(3) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1104
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County board of health; prevention of injuries	31-3-4(a)(8) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1204
DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County probation systems; state participation in cost; merger	42-8-43.1(a) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1605
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Appropriations for or grants to certain charitable organizations	36-1-19.1(a) Ga. L. 1996, p. 1416

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Cities within: Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cities within: Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cities within: Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cities within: Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Sales of alcoholic beverages at festivals	3-3-20(d)(1) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1694

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Cobb County	Cobb County	None	None	Superintendent of largest city school system to serve as ex officio member of county board of health	31-3-2(f) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1217
Cobb County	Cobb County	None	None	Binding statement of intention as to allocation of bond proceeds	36-82-4.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1232

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DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Permits to private applicants for solid waste disposal facilities	12-8-25(a)(2) Ga. L. 1990, p. 412
DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Permits for solid waste disposal facilities	12-8-25(a)(1) Ga. L. 1990, p. 412

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DeKalb County	Cobb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Gwinnett County	Additional fees for clerk of superior court	15-6-77.3(a) Ga. L. 1984, p. 617

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DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County Gwinnett County	None	None	Commission retained by tax collector or commissioner for collection of school taxes	48-5-404(c) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1853
DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County Gwinnett County	None	None	Board of Registration and Elections established	Ga. L. 1978, p. 3677 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3309

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DeKalb County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Sheriff's written consent not required for tax collector or commissioner to serve as ex officio sheriff	48-5-137(f)(1) Ga. L. 1985, p. 1492
Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Airport authority established	Ga. L. 1947, p. 1446

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Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Commission to hear application for permit to develop cemetery land	36-72-9 Ga. L. 1991, p. 924

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DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Investigators, assistants to district attorney authorized	Ga. L. 1963, p. 484
DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Precinct division and boundaries	21-2-262(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1512

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Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County probation systems	42-8-43.3 Ga. L. 1988, p. 1951

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Columbus, Ga.	Gwinnett County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County	Chatham County Clayton County	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d) (Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690)* * This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 150,000 - 180,000 (Columbus, Ga.; Bibb County) 1990 and 183,000 - 216,000 (Consolidated Government of Agusta-Richmond County) 1990

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DeKalb County Fulton County	Chatham County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Richmond County	Recording device at grand jury examination of witness	15-12-83(e) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

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		Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Richmond County	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board	12-5-575(a)(1) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115
	Chatham County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Richmond County	Georgia Regional Transportation Authority jurisdiction	50-32-10(b)(3) Ga. L. 1999, p. 112

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Chatham County	Chatham County	Chatham County Clayton County	Chatham County Clayton County Cherokee County Henry County Richmond County	Additional fees for county law library applicable to recorder's courts	36-15-9(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 591

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Chatham County	Chatham County	Chatham County Clayton County	Cherokee County Henry County Richmond County	Additional judge for recorder's court provided	Ga. L. 1979, p. 4185 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4500
Chatham County	Chatham County	Chatham County Clayton County	Cherokee County Henry County Richmond County	Municipal court's finding of contempt of court when peace bond has been required	17-6-112(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

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Richmond County	Richmond County	Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County	Henry County Richmond County	Treasurer abolished; emeritus office created	Ga. L. 1975, p. 4529 Ga. L. 2002, p. 952

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Richmond County	Richmond County	Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County	Cherokee County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Henry County	Elections board established	Ga. L. 1973, p. 2283, Ga. L. 1992, p. 1224
Columbus, Ga.	Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Gwinnett County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Forsyth County Hall County Henry County	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690* *This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 150,000 - 180,000 and 218,000 - 445,000.

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Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta- Richmond County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County		Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County	Judicial assistance from other courts	15-1-9.1(a)(2)(E) Ga. L. 2008, p. 540

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Richmond County and cities within	None	None	None	Use of excess excise tax on malt beverages	3-5-83(b) Ga. L. 1981, p. 1269

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Columbus, Ga.	Bibb County Columbus, Ga.	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Forsyth County Hall County Henry County	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d) *Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690 *This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 183,000 - 216,000 and 218,000 - 445,000

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Bibb County Clayton County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Paulding County	Sale of alcoholic beverages by coliseum	3-8-3(a)(2) Ga. L. 1993, p. 325

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Bibb County Chatham County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Fulton County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Bartow County Bibb County Carroll County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbia County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Lowndes County Paulding County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County	Authorization for chief of county police force of such a county to request GBI assistance	35-3-8.1 Ga. L. 1987, p. 3

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Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Bartow County Bibb County Carroll County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbia County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Lowndes County Paulding County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County	Members of county board of tax assessors ineligible to hold county property appraisal staff position	48-5-292(c) Ga. L. 1993, p. 603

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Bibb County	Bibb County	Bibb County Cherokee County Hall County Henry County Houston County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Bartow County Bibb County Carroll County Columbia County Coweta County Douglas County Fayette County Houston County Lowndes County Newton County Paulding County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County	District attorney: investigators authorized	Ga. L. 1974, p. 2475

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Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Muscogee County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Dougherty County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Dougherty County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Bartow County Bibb County Carroll County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbia County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Coweta County DeKalb County Dougherty County Douglas County Fayette County Floyd County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Lowndes County Newton County Paulding County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County	Additional qualifications for judge of probate court	15-9-4(b) Ga. L. 2012, p.683

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Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County Columbus, Ga.	Bibb County Chatham County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. DeKalb County Dougherty County Fulton County Gwinnett County Richmond County	Bibb County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County Dougherty County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Bartow County Bibb County Carroll County Chatham County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Columbia County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Coweta County DeKalb County Dougherty County Douglas County Fayette County Floyd County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Hall County Henry County Houston County Lowndes County Newton County Paulding County Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County	Defines "probate court" for purposes of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 15, relating to jury trials and appeal	15-9-120(2) Ga. L. 2012, p. 683

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Clarke County	Clarke County	Carroll County Paulding County Whitfield County	Rockdale County Walton County	Time for presentation of returns by tax receiver or tax commissioner to tax assessors	48-5-301(b) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1187

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Floyd County	Floyd County	Paulding County Whitfield County	Walton County	Accounting and bookkeeping system	Ga. L. 1967, p. 2969 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2337

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Clarke County	Whitfield County	None	None	Interest on delinquent taxes	48-5-148(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1211

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Gwinnett County	Whitfield County	None	None	Interest on delinquent taxes	48-5-148(c) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1211

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			Baldwin	High tech data center	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(II)
			Bryan	Minimum investment	Ga. L. 2018, p. 624
			Colquitt	Threshold	
			Coffee		
			Habersham		
			Harris		
			Laurens		
			Murray		
			Oconee		
			Polk		
			Sumter		
			Thomas		
			Tift		
			Ware		
			Wayne		

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Newton County	Newton County	Colquitt County	None	Board of directors of constitutional industrial development authority of such county to become directors for development authority	36-62-4(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1157

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Decatur County Effingham County Toombs County	Decatur County Effingham County Toombs County	Chattooga County Haralson County Lee County Madison County Stephens County	Grady County Hart County Tattnall County	Authorization for board of directors of certain industrial development authorities to become board of directors of any development authority created under O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-62	36-62-4(e) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1207

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Butts County	Butts County	Butts County	Butts County	Defines "homestead" as applies to leased property	48-5-40(3)(L) Ga. L. 2012, p. 688

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Twiggs County	Twiggs County	None	None	Trash receptacles: placement	Ga. L. 1979, p. 3983 Ga. L. 1992, p. 907

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Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Presiding in municipal court	15-8-6 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Authorizes certain municipal corporations to become self-insurers	Ga. L. 1970, p. 3207 Ga. L. 1991, p. 302

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Contracts binding successor governing authority in certain circumstances	36-30-3(c)(1) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Authorization to close streets adjacent to or through institutions of higher learning	36-30-12 Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Contracts relating to criminal justice purposes to be binding upon successor governing authority	36-30-3(c)(2) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Housing authority commissioners	8-3-50(a)(3) Ga. L. 1991, p. 390
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Exercise of powers relating to relocation of those displaced by public works	22-4-11.1(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 307
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Defines "municipality" for purposes of O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-41, relating to urban residential finance authorities for large cities	36-41-3(11) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989

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Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Retirement system: officers and employees	Ga. L. 1927, p. 265 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Sale, lease, exchange, or grant of easement over property used for recreation	36-37-6.1(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 796
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Audits	Ga. L. 1952, p. 2686
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Binding contracts for botanical gardens on city property	36-34-5.2 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Binding contracts for zoos on city property	36-34-5.3 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Fire department retirement	Ga. L. 1924, p. 167 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	No tort liability for operator of fire apparatus responding to fire alarm	51-1-30.1(b) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149

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Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Police retirement system	Ga. L. 1933, pp. 213 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(c) Ga. L. 1988, p. 232
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Time for opening and closing polls	21-2-403 Ga. L. 1998, p. 295
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	City court of such a city not subject to county law library chapter	36-15-12 Ga. L. 1982, p. 586
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Defines "municipalities" for purposes of Code section relating to membership of teachers employed by independent school systems	47-3-66(a)(3) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1207
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Golf professionals compensation	Ga. L. 1957, p. 2843 Ga. L. 1964, p. 2707

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Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Authority to grant exclusive franchise relating to streets or sidewalks	44-8-10 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

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Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Acquisition of realty for deferred payments	36-37-6.2(b) Ga. L. 1987, p. 3
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 inapplicable (relates to consolidation of independent and county school systems)	20-2-373 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
		Atlanta	Atlanta	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board	12-5-575(a)(2) Ga. L. 2001, p.115

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Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Savannah	Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Candidate must receive majority vote to be elected or nominated	21-2-501(e) Ga. L. 2005, p. 253

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta Macon Savannah	Atlanta Savannah	Atlanta Savannah	Right to remove trespassing vehicle from parking area or vacant lot in certain circumstances	44-1-13(c) Ga. L. 2012, p. 580

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Macon	Macon	Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Contracts relating to railroad overpasses and underpasses binding upon successor governing authority	36-30-3(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

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Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Macon Roswell Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Johns Creek Macon Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Defines "peace officer" to include wardens or guards in city correctional institutions of specified population for purposes of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund	47-17-1(5)(B) Ga. L. 1989, p. 228

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Albany Atlanta Augusta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Johns Creek Macon Marietta Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Defines "Standard Metropolitan Area" for purposes of Department of Transportation	32-2-3(a)(4) Ga. L. 1973, p. 947
			{Same city list as above}	Surplus line insurance	33-5-20.1(1.1)(B)(v) Ga. L. 2011, 449.

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		Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Johns Creek Macon Marietta Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	PEG access channels	36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga.L. 2007, p. 719

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1980 Census information for municipalities unavailable	Albany Athens Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Macon Roswell Savannah	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Warner Robins	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dunwoody Johns Creek Macon Marietta Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Governing authority shall adopt state minimum fire safety standards	25-2-12(a)(1) Ga. L. 1982, p. 479 (see also p. 55)

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Atlanta Augusta Columbus, Ga. Macon Savannah	Albany Athens Atlanta Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Columbus, Ga. Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Warner Robins	Albany Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dunwoody Johns Creek Macon Marietta Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Defines "metropolitan area" for purposes of Transit Authority Act August 20, 2002	32-9-9(c) Ga. L. 1960, p. 1025

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	Albany Athens Atlanta Augusta Columbus Macon Marietta Roswell Savannah Valdosta Warner Robins	Atlanta Augusta Columbus Savannah Athens-Clarke County Macon Roswell Albany Marietta Warner Robins Valdosta Smyrna	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dunwoody Johns Creek Macon Marietta Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Reapportionment of election districts	36-35-4.1(e) Ga. L. 1997, p. 864

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Albany Athens Atlanta Augusta Columbus, Ga. Decatur East Point Griffin LaGrange Macon Marietta Rome Savannah Valdosta Warner Robins	Albany Athens Atlanta College Park Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dalton East Point Griffin Hinesville LaGrange Macon Marietta Rome Roswell Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Valdosta Warner Robins	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta College Park Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dalton Douglasville Duluth East Point Forest Park Gainesville Griffin Hinesville Kennesaw LaGrange Macon Marietta Peachtree City Rome Roswell Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Acworth Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Canton Carrollton Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dalton Douglasville Duluth Dunwoody East Point Gainesville Griffin Hinesville Johns Creek Kennesaw LaGrange Lawrenceville Macon Marietta McDonough Milton Newnan Peachtree City Rome Roswell Sandy Springs	Defines employer for "firefighters" subject to Firefighter's Mediation Act	25-5-2(2) Ga. L. 1971, p. 565

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			Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Stockbridge Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins Woodstock		
Albany Athens Atlanta Augusta Columbus, Ga. Decatur East Point Griffin LaGrange Macon Marietta Rome Savannah Valdosta Warner Robins	Albany Athens Atlanta Augusta College Park Columbus, Ga. Dalton East Point Griffin Hinesville LaGrange Macon Marietta Rome Roswell Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Valdosta	Albany Alpharetta Atlanta College Park Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dalton Douglasville Duluth East Point Forest Park Gainesville Griffin Hinesville Kennesaw LaGrange	Acworth Albany Alpharetta Atlanta Canton Carrollton Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dalton Douglasville Duluth Dunwoody East Point Gainesville Griffin Hinesville	Firefighter's Mediation Act	25-5-14(a) Ga. L. 1971, p. 565

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	Warner Robins	Macon Marietta Peachtree City Rome Roswell Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins	Johns Creek Kennesaw LaGrange Lawrenceville Macon Marietta McDonough Milton Newnan Peachtree City Rome Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah Smyrna Statesboro Stockbridge Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Valdosta Warner Robins Woodstock		

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Albany	Albany	Albany	Acworth	Jurisdiction relating to nuisances for state courts and municipal courts	41-3-13
Americus	Americus	Alpharetta	Albany		Ga. L. 1979, p. 1025
Athens	Athens	Americus	Alpharetta		
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Americus		
Augusta	Augusta	Brunswick	Atlanta		
Brunswick	Brunswick	Carrollton	Brunswick		
College Park	Carrollton	Cartersville	Calhoun		
Columbus, Ga.	College Park	College Park	Canton		
Dalton	Columbus, Ga.	Columbus, Ga.	Carrollton		
Decatur	Dalton	Consolidated	Cartersville		
Dublin	Decatur	Government of	Columbus, Ga.		
East Point	Dublin	Augusta-Richmond	Consolidated		
Forest Park	East Point	County	Government of		
Gainesville	Forest Park	Dalton	Augusta-Richmond		
Griffin	Gainesville	Decatur	County		
LaGrange	Griffin	Douglasville	Conyers		
Macon	Hinesville	Dublin	Dalton		
Marietta	LaGrange	Duluth	Decatur		
Rome	Lawrenceville	East Point	Douglasville		
Savannah	Macon	Forest Park	Dublin		
Smyrna	Marietta	Gainesville	Duluth		
Thomasville	Milledgeville	Griffin	Dunwoody		
Valdosta	Peachtree City	Hinesville	East Point		
Warner Robins	Rome	Kennesaw	Fayetteville		
Waycross	Roswell	LaGrange	Forest Park		
	Savannah	Lawrenceville	Gainesville		
	Smyrna	Macon	Griffin		
	Statesboro	Marietta	Hinesville		
	Thomasville	Milledgeville	Johns Creek		
	Valdosta	Newnan	Kennesaw		

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		Roswell	Kingsland		
		Savannah	LaGrange		
		Smyrna	Lawrenceville		
		Snellville	Macon		
		Statesboro	Marietta		
		Thomasville	McDonough		
		Tifton	Milton		
		Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Millegeville		
			Newnan		
			Peachtree City		
			Pooler		
		Valdosta	Riverdale		
		Warner Robins	Rome		
		Waycross	Roswell		
			Sandy Springs		
			Savannah		
			Smyrna		
			Snellville		
			St. Marys		
			Statesboro		
			Stockbridge		
			Sugar Hill		
			Suwannee		
			Thomasville		
			Tifton		
			Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County		

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			Union City		
			Valdosta		
			Warner Robins		
			Woodstock		

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Atlanta SMSA Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Atlanta SMSA Barrow County Butts County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Newton County Paulding County Rockdale County Spalding County Walton County	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Defines "areas" subject to Metropolitan River Protection Act	12-5-441(2) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1059

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Atlanta SMSA Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Atlanta SMSA Barrow County Butts County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Newton County Paulding County Rockdale County Spalding County Walton County	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Subject to Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission, Code Sections 50-8-80 through 50-8-103	50-8-81 Ga. L. 1989, p. 1317

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Atlanta SMSA Clayton County Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Atlanta SMSA Barrow County Butts County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Newton County Paulding County Rockdale County Spalding County Walton County	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Creation of Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission	50-8-82 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Richmond County	Richmond County	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Right of county governing authority to reject bids	36-10-2.2 Ga. L. 1988, p. 989

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Bibb County Richmond County	Bibb County Richmond County	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(i) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1487

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Richmond County	None	SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Merger of county probation system into state system	42-8-43.2(a) Ga. L. 1987, p. 1319

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cities within DeKalb County	Cities within DeKalb County	Cities within Gwinnett County	None	Rezoning of annexed land	Ga. L. 1971, p. 4114 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2342

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Interest for delinquent ad valorem taxes	48-5-24(c)(1) Ga. L. 2002, p. 1473

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
DeKalb County	DeKalb County	DeKalb County	DeKalb County	Annual meeting between governing authority of county and city re services for part of city lying in county	36-60-10(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989

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Fulton County Cities within with building permit ordinance	Cobb County Cities within with building permit ordinance DeKalb County Cities within with building permit ordinance Fulton County Cities within with building permit ordinance Gwinnett County Cities within with building permit ordinance	Cobb County Cities within with building permit ordinance DeKalb County Cities within with building permit ordinance Fulton County Cities within with building permit ordinance Gwinnett County Cities within with building permit ordinance	Cobb County Cities within with building permit ordinance DeKalb County Cities within with building permit ordinance Fulton County Cities within with building permit ordinance Gwinnett County Cities within with building permit ordinance	Building permits; copies to be sent to tax assessors; applies only to joint city-county board of tax assessors	Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 2813

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Atlanta	Atlanta Fulton County	Atlanta Fulton County	Atlanta Fulton County	City or county condemnor to acquire fee simple title upon payment	22-2-85 Ga. L. 1975, p. 1148

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Chatham County and cities within Cobb County and cities within Columbus, Ga. and cities within DeKalb County and cities within Fulton County and cities within Gwinnett County and cities within Richmond County and cities within	Chatham County and cities within Clayton County and cities within Cobb County and cities within Columbus, Ga. and cities within DeKalb County and cities within Fulton County and cities within Gwinnett County and cities within Richmond County and cities within	Chatham County and cities within Clayton County and cities within Cobb County and cities within Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County and cities within Fulton County and cities within Gwinnett County and cities within	Chatham County and cities within Cherokee County and cities within Clayton County and cities within Cobb County and cities within Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County DeKalb County and cities within Forsyth County and cities within Fulton County and cities within Gwinnett County and cities within Hall County and cities within Henry County and cities within	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(l) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1487

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Bibb County and cities within	None after census revisions Bibb County before census revision	Bibb County and cities within Cherokee County and cities within Hall County and cities within Henry County and cities within Houston County and cities within Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (and Winterville)	Bartow County and cities within Carroll County and cities within Columbia County and cities within Coweta County and cities within Douglas County and cities within Fayette County and cities within Houston County and cities within Lowndes County and cities within Paulding County and cities within Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Whitfield County and cities within	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(e) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1487

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Glynn County and cities within	Glynn County and cities within	None	Catoosa County and cities within Liberty County and cities within	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(h) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2929

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Liberty County and cities within	Liberty County and cities within	None	Camden County and cities within Effingham County and cities within	Licenses to sell alcohol by the drink	3-4-90(b)(2) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2929

Original Application	1990 Census Application	2000 Census Application	2010 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Laurens County and cities within	None	None	None	Alcohol licenses for private clubs	3-7-43(b) Ga. L. 1984, p. 22 Declared unconstitutional. Regency Club v. Stuckey, 253 Ga. 583 (1984).

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	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Richmond County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Minimum salary of judge of probate court	15-9-63(b) Ga. L. 2012, p.446
	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Richmond County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Minimum salary of judge of magistrate court	15-10-23(a)(2) Ga. L. 2012, p.446

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	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Richmond County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Berrien County Bryan County Camden County Columbus, Ga. Consolidated Government of Augusta-Richmond County Dougherty County Lanier County Liberty County Lowndes County Worth County	Minimum salary of Tax commissioner	48-5-183(c) Ga. L. 2012, p.446

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400,000 or less	Taxicab self-insurers	33-34-5.1(a)(3)(G) [formerly 40-9-101] Ga. L. 2010, p. 100
Less than 200,000	Minimum capital stock for bank	7-1-410(b) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1211
180,000 or more	Magistrate serving as permanent assistant judge	15-1-9.1(b)(2)(E) Ga. L. 1998, p. 268
More than 100,000	90 days for judge to decide motions	15-6-21(b) Ga. L. 1916, p. 50
100,00 or more	Legal organ requirements	9-13-142(a)(4)(C) Ga. L. 1999, p. 6
Less than 100,000	30 days for judge to decide motions	15-6-21(a) Ga. L. 1916, p. 50
Less than 100,00 but at least 20,000	Legal organ requirements	9-3-142(a)(4)(B) Ga. L. 1999, p. 6
More than 50,000	Defines "Urban County" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(13) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
More than 50,000	Community service boards	37-2-6(b)(1)(A)(ii) Ga. L. 2014, p. 309
More than 50,000	Regional planning boards	37-2-5(b)(2) Ga. L. 2009, p. 453

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50,000 or more	Collection of intangible taxes	48-6-60(l) Ga. L. 1998, p. 1656
50,000 or more	Hospital authorities	31-7-72(e) Ga. L. 1994, p. 781
50,000 or more	Speed limits in urbanized areas	40-6-181(b)(2) & (3) Ga. L. 2014, p. 851
50,000 or more	High tech data center minimum investment threshold	48-3-(68.1)(G)(v)(I) Ga. L. 2018, p. 624
50,000 or more	PEG access channels	36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga. L. 2007, p. 719
50,000 or more	Health care services and facilities	31-6-2(38) Ga. L. 2018, p. 132
50,000 or less	Defines "collecting officer" for purposes of intangible recording tax	48-6-60(i) Ga. L. 1998, p. 1656
50,000 or less	Additional court facilities	15-6-18 Ga. L. 2012, p. 994
50,000 or less	Community service boards	37-2-6(b)(1)(A)(i) Ga. L. 2014, p. 309
50,000 or less	Regional planning boards	37-2-5(b)(1) Ga. L. 2009, p. 453
50,000 or less	Hospital authority project location	31-7-89.1(d) Ga. L. 1999, p. 850

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50,000 or less	PEG access channels	36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga. L. 2007, p. 719
Less than 50,000	Rural hospital assistance	31-7-94.1(c)(2) Ga. L. 2017, p.411
Less than 50,000	Rural hospital organizations eligible for tax credits	31-8-9.1 Ga. L. 217, p. 511
Less than 50,000	Geographic distribution of new qualified mortgage bonds	50-26-17(c) Ga. L. 1991, p.1653
Less than 50,000	Health care services and facilities	31-6-2(32) Ga. L. 2018, p. 132
45,000 or more	Tax commissioner minimum salary	48-5-138(a) Ga. L. 2012, p. 446
Less than 45,000	Hospital author indigency standard	31-7-75.1(d)(3)(D) Ga. L. 1996, p. 739
35,000 or less	Veterinary students, rural counties	20-3-3518.4(a)(2) Ga. L. 2011, p. 333
35,000 or less	Joint hospital authorities	31-7-72(d) Ga. L. 1998, p. 900

Less than 35,000	Joint hospital authorities	33-20B-2(8) Ga. L. 1998, p. 900
Less than 35,000	Tax credit for rural areas	33-1-25 Ga. L. 2017, p. 637
30,000 or more	Weekly payment of county tax collections	48-5-141(a) Ga. L. 1986, p. 10
Less than 30,001	High tech data center minimum investment threshold	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(III) Ga. L. 2018, p. 624

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Less than 30,000	Biweekly payment of county tax collections	48-5-141(b) Ga. L. 1986, p. 10
Less than 20,000	Legal organ requirements	9-13-142(a)(4)(A)G a. L. 1999, p. 6
Less than 17,000	Licensing requirements for county surveyors inapplicable	36-7-2(b)(2) Ga. L. 1988, p. 555
Less than 15,000	Revitalization zone status	48-7-40.32 Ga. L. 2017, p. 526
Under 12,000	Ambulance services in such counties not required to have medical adviser	31-11-50(c) Ga. L. 1980, p. 1170
Fewer than 10,000	Closing office of clerk of superior court for lunch	15-6-93(d) Ga. L. 2012, p. 173
Less than 10,000	Minimum size for cemeteries	10-14-10(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 882

Less than 10,000	Defines owner for Georgia Prompt Pay Act	13-11-2(4) Ga. L. 1995, p. 10
Greater than 1,500	Annual audit for local government units in population brackets or with expenditures of $300,000.00 or more	36-81-7(a)(1) Ga. L. 2004, p. 585
1,500 or less	Biennial audit of local governments in population bracket	36-81-7(a)(2) Ga. L. 1994, p. 1083

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More than 100,000	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1991, p. 94 part of comprehensive classification
More than 50,000	Commercial insurance purchaser	33-5-20.1(1)(C)(i)(V) Ga. L. 2011, p. 449
Less than 45,000	Governing authority may adopt state minimum fire safety standards	25-2-12(b) Ga. L. 1984, p. 1160
20,000, or more	Firefighter's Mediation Act	25-5-14(a) Ga. L. 1971, p. 565
Less than 20,000	Firefighter's Mediation Act	25-5-14(b) Ga. L. 1971, p. 565
10,000 or less	State grants	36-40-24(a)(1) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
Less than 10,000	Cemetery registration	10-14-10(b)(2) Ga. L. 2006, p. 1087
9,000 or more	Service delivery strategy	36-70-25(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 1439
6,000 or less	Full-time dispatcher as full-time jailer	42-4-31(a)(2) Ga. L. 1991, p. 1009

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More than 5,000 but not more than 100,000	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1991, p. 94 part of comprehensive classification
Over 5,000	Board certification required for librarians in public libraries serving such political subdivisions	43-24-4 Ga. L. 1982, p. 1493
5,000 or more	Defines "urban area" for purposes of Department of Transportation	32-2-3(6) Ga. L. 1986, p. 796
5,000 or more	Defines "urban incorporated municipality" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(14) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
5,000 or more and located in a county under 50,000	Defines "urban road" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(15)(B) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
5,000 or more	Defines "urban area" for purposes of regulating outdoor advertising	32-6-71(26) Ga. L. 1977, p. 263
5,000 - 10,000	Additional state grants	36-40-24(a)(3) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
5,000 or less	Codification and publication of municipal code	36-80-19(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 865
5,000 or less	Mayor of such city authorized to serve simultaneously as coroner	45-16-1(c) Ga. L. 1987, p. 630

Bracket	Subject	Citation
5,000 or less	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1966, p. 296 part of comprehensive classification
Under 5,000	Additional grants from state	36-40-24(a)(2) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
Less than 2,500	Defines "owner" for purposes of Georgia Prompt Pay Act	13-11-2(4) Ga. L. 1995, p. 10
Greater than 1,500	Rural telephone cooperatives not empowered to acquire, maintain, or operate real or personal property within such cities	46-5-63(5)(A) Ga. L. 1994, p. 237
Greater than 1,500	Annual audit when expenditures are $300,000 or more	36-81-79(a)(1) Ga. L. 2004, p. 585
1500 or less	Service by electric membership corporations	46-3-9(2) Ga. L. 1973, p. 200
1500 or less	Biennial audit of local government	36-81-7(a)(2) Ga. L. 1994, p. 1083
1000 or more	Public health emergency	38-3-3(5)(A) Ga. L. 2018, p. 681
Less than 1000	Public health emergency	38-3-3(5)(B) Ga. L. 2018, p. 681
600 or more	Defines "municipal corporation" for purposes of street improvements	36-39-1(4) Ga. L. 1927, p. 321

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More than 500	State grants	36-40-44(a)(2) Ga. L. 1973, p. 524
500 or less	State grants	36-40-44(a)(1) Ga. L. 1973, p. 524
200 or more	Defines “municipal corporation” for purposes of unincorporated island annexation	36-36-90(2) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2592
200 or more	Defines “municipal corporation” for purposes of 60% annexation method	36-36-30 Ga. L. 1966, p. 409
65 persons per square mile or less	income tax credit for rural physicians	48-7-29(a)(1) Ga. L. 1995, p. 960