

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 697.](#)

By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 698.](#)

By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who have lived in such district for five years or more and who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 699.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Dawson County, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4680), as

amended, to provide for staggered terms of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 700.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Beckles of the 96th, and Draper of the 90th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited use of purchaser's credit card information by merchant, so as to limit the amount of surcharges charged by merchants for purchasers using credit cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BANKS & BANKING

[HB 701.](#)

By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Terrell County; to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee when the judge of such court is serving as the judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 702.](#)

By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Tran of the 80th, and Campbell of the 35th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to enact the Representative Democracy Enforcement Act; to provide that direct initiative petitions petition sponsors shall be considered campaign committees pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to prohibit the use of public funds in advocating for or against direct initiative and referendum petitions; to authorize rule making; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 703.](#)

By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th, and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Peachtree City ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over and whose income does not exceed \$30,000.00, approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3719), so as to increase the income cap related to qualifying for such exemption to \$60,000.00; to increase the value of the exemption to \$30,000.00 of the assessed value; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 704.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Jones of the 25th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dickey of the 134th, Blackmon of the 146th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-6-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to maintenance of statistics on architectural and engineering firms doing business with the state and ineligibility of firms, so as to replace the requirement that the state auditor produce certain monthly reports with the requirement that he or she produce annual reports; to provide for the removal of certain requirements; to amend Code Sections 42-2-14 and 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to power of Governor to declare state of emergency with regard to jail and prison overcrowding and exemptions from requirements and construction with Code Section 50-6-25, respectively, so as to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

[HB 705.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, McClain of the 109th, and Ridley of the 22nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit a motor vehicle traffic stop on the sole basis that the person is operating a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle related

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

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 706.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th, Dawson of the 65th, and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for coursework and educational programs and activities on the history of Black Americans through the history of the United States and their contributions to American society; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 707.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Cummings of the 39th, and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for limitations on rent increases for seniors and veterans; to provide for definitions; to provide for defense in dispossessory actions; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 708.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Cummings of the 39th, and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for the deduction of the costs of certain repairs from rental payments; to revise the time required for answers; to revise provisions concerning the effectiveness of writs of possession; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 709.](#)

By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Demorest, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for

effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 710.](#)

By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Scott of the 76th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and property, respectively, so as to provide certain limits on increases in rental amounts charged for residential properties; to prohibit landlords from charging rental amounts in excess of such limits as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 711.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to prohibit the possession of devices which attach to firearms to produce rapid fire; to revise and add definitions; to provide for punishment; to provide for exceptions; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 712.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit ad valorem property tax bills from including any nontax related fees or assessments; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 713.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that no rule or policy shall be enacted that limits the number of bills or resolutions which a member may file or introduce in a legislative session; to provide that no rule, policy, or procedure shall be enacted by the General Assembly that limits or obstructs the ability of members of the General Assembly to fulfill their duties under the Georgia Constitution; to provide for physical, recorded votes on certain matters; to provide for a Legislative Constitutional Counsel; to provide for appointment, qualifications, compensation, and duties; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

[HB 714.](#)

By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Rincon, approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5627), so as to revise provisions relating to the designation of electors; to revise the appointment and election of board members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 715.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Kendrick of the 95th, Clark of the 108th, Evans of the 57th, and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair housing, so as to provide for artificial intelligence or automated decision tools in actions for discriminatory housing practices; to prohibit the use of certain defenses in actions for discriminatory housing practices; to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence or automated decision tools without human oversight in making certain housing determinations; to prohibit making certain housing determinations using artificial intelligence or automated decision tools without certain

disclosures; to provide for enforcement by Attorney General; to provide for fines; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 716.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd, Park of the 107th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a needs based grant program to combat food insecurity among postsecondary students; to provide definitions; to provide for a maximum award amount; to provide for applications; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[*HB 728.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Draper of the 90th, Ballard of the 147th, and Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to limit the effective date of rules or regulations adopted by the State Election Board prior to a primary, election, or runoff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[*HB 729.](#)

By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Hugley of the 141st, Schofield of the 63rd, Paris of the 142nd, Buckner of the 137th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to establish programs to provide obstetric care in low access to maternity care areas and maternity care deserts; to provide for definitions; to establish a student loan repayment program for certain obstetric providers; to establish a grant program for certain perinatal facilities; to establish a state funded program to assist certain pregnant women in obtaining obstetric care; to provide for appropriations and funding; to provide for reporting; to provide for

rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HR 462.](#)

By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Tran of the 80th, and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the people of the State of Georgia shall have the power to enact, repeal, or amend general statutory law by direct initiative and referendum process; to provide for amendments to the Constitution by direct initiative process; to provide procedures and restrictions connected therewith; to provide exceptions; to authorize the General Assembly to provide for additional statutory procedures not in conflict with the provisions herein; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HR 463.](#)

By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Stinson of the 150th, Davis of the 87th, Taylor of the 92nd, Bennett of the 94th, and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the month of March as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 20.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th, and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 29.](#)

By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Hodges of the 3rd, Bearden of the 30th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6A of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to provide for the collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; to revise provisions relating to the destruction of DNA profiles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[SB 30.](#)

By Senators Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 and Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions and the Georgia Composite Medical Board, respectively, so as to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone therapies and

puberty-blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited exceptions; to provide for a remedy for a parent or guardian of a minor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[SB 31.](#)

By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[SB 46.](#)

By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to improve government service delivery in this state; to provide for the appointment of a State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate such efforts; to establish the powers and duties of such individual; to establish the heads of each state agency as responsible for the government service delivery of their agency and provide for related powers and duties; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[SB 51.](#)

By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 10th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as

to expand such provisions to local governments; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 55.](#)

By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 35th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[SB 56.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for the payment of indemnification claims; to provide for qualification standards for indemnification claims relating to certain deaths of public safety officers related to COVID-19; to provide for timing requirements for application of such indemnification claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[SB 74.](#)

By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, so as to repeal an exemption for libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103, relating to selling, loaning, distributing, or exhibiting materials harmful to minors; to provide that any violation of such Code section shall be a

misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature when committed knowingly; to provide for a defense for librarians who make good faith attempts to identify and remove material harmful to minors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 85.](#)

By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 111.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[SB 139.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, and Cowser of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

[SB 151.](#)

By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for directors of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

[SB 175.](#)

By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 185.](#)

By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to prohibit the use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Corrections relating to

such prohibitions and exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[SB 195.](#)

By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 44th, and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[SB 206.](#)

By Senators Summers of the 13th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the South Georgia Energy Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to provide for funds received and trust funds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for imposition of rates, charges, fees, and the pledge of revenues; to provide for tax exemption of Authority property; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 234.](#)

By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to

provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 235.](#)

By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Whitfield County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 237.](#)

By Senators Strickland of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the Newton County Public Facilities Authority, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3600), so as to revise provisions regarding contracts and borrowing of funds; to revise provisions regarding revenue bonds; to revise provisions regarding credit not pledged; to provide for distribution of assets of the authority upon dissolution; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 302.](#)

By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Peach County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of 10 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a

referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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