

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026
THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 1581.](#)

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Fayetteville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; 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

[HB 1582.](#)

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fayette County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025; 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

[HB 1583.](#)

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act provide for residents of specified ages a homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes levied by Fayette County for county purposes and to provide a homestead exemption from certain Fayette County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L.

1996, p. 4453), so as to provide a new exemption in a floating proportional amount based upon any increased property tax collections that exceed the value of property taxes collected in tax year 2025 to each resident of the county from ad valorem taxes for county purposes; 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 1584.](#)

By Representative Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of Augusta, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, so as to provide for a council-manager form of government; 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 -
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[HB 1585.](#)

By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Stinson of the 150th, Crawford of the 89th, Williamson of the 112th, Ballard of the 147th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits regarding income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for donations to nonprofit corporations that provide housing to cancer care patients; to provide for taxpayer certification of tax credits; to provide for sunsets of the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for pursuit of remedies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1586.](#)

By Representative Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Bogart; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1587.](#)

By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Jones of the 60th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Cobb County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county after January 1, 2029; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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[HB 1588.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th, Adesanya of the 43rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, so as to provide that the salaries of the chief deputy sheriff, the assistant chief deputy sheriff, and the executive assistant to the sheriff shall be determined by the sheriff of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
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[HR 1789.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th, Clifton of the 131st, and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for dissolving the United States Department of Education and restoring educational authority to the states; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1790.](#)

By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Lim of the 98th, Barnes of the 86th, and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Long COVID (Coronavirus Disease); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1791.](#)

By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Reeves of the 99th, and Thomas of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to establish a national data protection authority; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1792.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Gaines of the 120th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Leverett of the 123rd, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to refrain from adopting the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code for residential construction; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1793.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 143rd, Sainz of the 180th, and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to establish regulations for placement of lifeguards on Georgia's public beaches during times of high occupancy; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

*Withdrawn from Special Rules and recommitted to Economic Development and Tourism.

[HR 1794.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Hugley of the 141st, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Commissioner of Insurance to conduct a comprehensive review of prescription drug pricing and identify strategies to reduce the cost of prescription medications for citizens of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1795.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Crawford of the 89th, Evans of the 57th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and Ali of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION urging local school systems to adopt policies that encourage student civic and political participation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1796.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Romman of the 97th, and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION urging all state departments and agencies responsible for the management of public funds to review and, where appropriate, divest from investments in Israeli bonds; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1797.](#)

By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 165th, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging for the renaming of Grady Memorial Hospital to Grady-Bell Memorial Hospital; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

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[SB 620.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th, and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Barrow County, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3591), so as to provide for a full-time solicitor-general of the Barrow County State Court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general; to provide for a maximum salary; to provide for assistant solicitors-general and certain other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
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[SB 621.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th, and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Barrow County Public Facilities Authority; to provide for the appointment of members of the Authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the Authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the Authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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LOCAL