



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

**MID-WEEK
LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS
WEEK 9**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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Legislative Day 29

- Monday, March 8 was Crossover Day (Legislative Day 28), an important deadline in the legislative session.
- All bills that failed to pass out of their original chamber before adjournment yesterday are considered dead for the rest of the session and can only be revived by attaching their language to another bill.
- The committee process will now restart with Senate bills being heard in House Committees and vice-versa. This may result in a brief lull in the number of floor votes.
- The General Assembly will continue to meet through the rest of the week before standing in recess on Friday, March 12.
- To view all legislation pertaining to the judiciary, please visit legislation.georgiacourts.gov. The General Assembly will reconvene tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10, 2021, for Legislative Day 30.

Notable Bill Actions

Judicial Council Supported Bills

[SB 163 - Judicial Emergency; suspension of statutory speedy trial requirements; provide](#)

Senate Author: Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough)

Action: SB 163 was assigned to the House Judiciary Civil Committee (3/8/2021).

[SB 234 - "Georgia Uniform Mediation Act"; enact](#)

Senate Author: Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon)

Action: SB 234 passed the Senate by Substitute by a vote of 49-2 (3/8/2021).

Other Bills

Floor Votes

[HB 194 - Criminal procedure; term of probation shall follow mandatory term of imprisonment for persons convicted of a sexual offense; clarify](#)

House Author: Rep. Steven Sainz (R – Woodbine)

Action: HB 194 as placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 110-59 (3/8/2021).

[HB 247 - Uniform rules of the road; commission of an offense of distracted driving; provide for penalties](#)

House Author: Rep. John Carson (R – Marietta)

Action: HB 247 passed the House by a vote of 119-52 (3/8/2021).

[HB 258 - Crimes and offenses; response to State v. Williams, 2020 Ga. LEXIS 85; provisions](#)

House Author: Rep. Steven Sainz (R – Woodbine)

Action: HB 258 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 173-0 (3/8/2021).

[HB 272 - Juvenile Code; juvenile court to include children who are under 18 years of age; change jurisdiction](#)

House Author: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: HB 272 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 113-51 (3/8/2021).

[HB 411 - Prosecuting Attorneys Oversight Commission; create](#)

House Author: Rep. Joseph Gullett (R – Dallas)

Action: HB 411 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 104-61 (3/8/2021).

[HB 464 - Guardian and ward; petition for appointment of temporary guardian of minor filed in probate court may be transferred to juvenile court; provide](#)

House Author: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (R – Cartersville)

Action: HB 464 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 163-7 (3/8/2021).

[HB 479 - Criminal procedure; revise certain arrest powers; provisions](#)

House Author: Rep. Bert Reeves (R – Marietta)

Action: HB 479 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 173-0 (3/8/2021).

[HB 562 - Criminal procedure; add DFCS case managers to people for whom arrest warrants may be issued only by certain judicial officers](#)

House Author: Rep. Kasey Carpenter (R – Dalton)

Action: HB 562 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 170-0 (3/8/2021).

[HB 579 - Public Safety and Judicial Facilities Act; enact](#)

House Author: Rep. Mary Oliver (D – Decatur)

Action: HB 579 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 169-0 (3/8/2021).

[HB 582 - Cherokee County; probate judge; provide nonpartisan elections](#)

House Author: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: HB 582 passed the House by a vote of 119-46 (3/8/2021).

[HB 714 - Georgia Civil Practice Act; revise and provide for new requirements](#)

House Author: Rep. Trey Kelley (R – Cedartown)

Action: HB 714 was placed on the House Supplemental Rules Calendar for LD 28 (3/8/2021); and passed the House by a vote of 137-31 (3/8/2021).

[SB 162 - Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide](#)

Senate Author: Sen. Brandon Beach (R – Alpharetta)

Action: SB passed the Senate by a vote of 52-0 (3/8/2021).

[SB 276 - County Law Libraries; authorize the charging and collection of law library fees in county recorders' courts and magistrate courts; allow county governing authorities](#)

Senate Author: Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon)

Action: SB 276 passed the Senate by a vote of 40-13 (3/8/2021).

Committee and Subcommittee Hearings

[HB 81 - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022](#)

House Author: Rep. David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

Action: HB 81 received a hearing by the Judiciary Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee (3/9/2021).

Floor & Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – Legislative Day 30

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 PM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP
12:30 PM	House Intragovernmental Coordination; HB 703 - Bleckley County; probate judge; provide nonpartisan elections HB 704 - Bleckley County; Magistrate Court chief judge; provide nonpartisan elections	406 CLOB HYBRID
1:30 PM	House Judiciary Civil Gunter Subcommittee; SB 32 - Public Disclosure; certain personal records of state and federal employees; exempt SB 34 - Domestic Relations; name change; victims of human trafficking may petition; provide SB 163 - Judicial Emergency; suspension of statutory speedy trial requirements; provide	132 CAP
2:00 PM	House Governmental Affairs; SB 95 - State Government; conditions for meetings and public hearings to be held by teleconference in emergency conditions; provide SB 182 - Counties and Municipal Corporations; "fence detection system"; define the term; counties, consolidated governments, and municipalities regulate or prohibit such system; limit the ability	406 CLOB HYBRID
4:45 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Thursday, March 11, 2021 – Legislative Day 31

8:00 AM	Senate Ethics	307 CLOB
10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 PM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP
1:00 PM	Senate Public Safety	Mezz 1

Friday, March 12, 2021 – Recess Day

No Relevant Meetings Scheduled

**This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the [General Assembly Events Schedule](#) page for a complete list of meetings, livestream links, the most current schedules, and agendas.*

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