



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Week 4 (Legislative Days 9-12)

The fourth week of the 2017 legislative session was marked by a considerable increase in committee activity and business on the floor. While only a few bills have been passed by either chamber, committees have remained busy hearing and moving bills up through the legislative process.

The budget process continues as the Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to meet on the FY17 Amended Budget ([HB 43](#)) next week. Additionally, House Appropriations subcommittees will continue hearings on the FY18 Budget.

On Wednesday, February 1, the General Assembly passed [SR 132](#) which sets the adjournment calendar for the remainder of the session. For most of February, the General Assembly will convene from Tuesday to Friday each week. Crossover Day, which is now on Legislative Day 28, is set for Friday, March 3 and the last day of the session (“Sine Die”) will be Thursday, March 30.

The House and Senate will reconvene on Tuesday, February 7, for Legislative Day 13. This report is a compilation of the items acted on this week affecting Georgia’s Judiciary. To view more legislation pertaining to the judiciary, as well as bill summaries, previous reports, and committee meeting schedules, please visit legislation.georgiacourts.gov.

The following legislation supported by the Judicial Council was filed this week:

- [HB 212 - Child support; recommendation by the Georgia Child Support Commission; enact](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Beskin (R – Atlanta)

HB 212 amends Code Section 19-6-15 of the OCGA by amending the final verdict of work related child care costs of a final child support order.

Action: Filed (2/1/17); Assigned to House Judiciary Committee

Floor and Committee Action

[HB 14 - Courts; sheriff to collect and deposit certain fees; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Jones (R – Brunswick)

Action: HB 14 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Civil) Kelley Subcommittee (1/30/17); and, received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (1/31/17); and, was placed on the House Rules Calendar for Legislative Day 13

[HB 15 - Courts; certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically; require](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Wendell Willard (R – Sandy Springs)

Action: No action was taken on HB 15 by the House Judiciary (Civil) Kelley Subcommittee (2/2/17)

[HB 53 - Juvenile Code; jurisdiction to include children who are under the age of 18 years; change](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (D – Decatur)

Action: No action was taken on HB 53 by the House Juvenile Justice Committee (2/2/17)

[HB 76 - Superior courts; change certain requirements and certifications for certain maps, plats, and plans for filing with clerk; provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Jasperse (R – Jasper)

Action: HB 76 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Civil) Kelley Subcommittee (1/30/17); and, received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (1/31/17)

[HB 88 - Superior courts; qualifications for judges; revise](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Barry Fleming (R – Harlem)

Action: HB 88 received a Do Pass as Amended from the House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee (1/26/17); and, received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute from the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (1/31/17); and, was placed on the House Rules Calendar for Legislative Day 13.

[HB 121 - Trusts; minor or unborn beneficiaries; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 121 received a Do Pass from the House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee (1/30/17); and, received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute from the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (1/31/17)

[HB 122 - Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities; validity of nonvested property interest or power of appointment; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 122 received a Do Pass from the House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee (1/30/17); and, received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (1/31/17)

[HB 126 - Courts; Judicial Qualifications Commission; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Wendell Willard (R – Sandy Springs)

Action: No action was taken on HB 126 by the House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee (1/30/17); received a Do Pass from the House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee (2/1/17); and, received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute from the House Judiciary (Civil) Committee (2/2/17)

[HB 138 - Superior courts; fifth judge of the Northeastern Judicial circuit; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Lee Hawkins (R – Gainesville)

Action: HB 138 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary (Civil) Kelley Subcommittee (2/2/17)

[SB 45 - Invasions of Privacy; to film under or through a person's clothing; prohibit the use of a device](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Larry walker III (R- Perry)

Action: No action was taken on SB 45 by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee A (2/1/17)

Committee Meeting Schedule*

Monday, February 6, 2017 – Recess

No meetings scheduled.

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – Legislative Day 13

8:00 AM	Senate Appropriations HB 43 - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	341 CAP
10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
12:00 PM	Senate Rules (upon adjournment)	450 CAP
1:00 PM	Senate Public Safety Committee	307 CLOB
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – Legislative Day 14

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
12:00 PM	Senate Rules (upon adjournment)	450 CAP
1:30 PM	House Appropriations Committee - Public Safety	415 CLOB
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Thursday, February 9, 2017 – Legislative Day 15

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
12:00 PM	Senate Rules (upon adjournment)	450 CAP
1:00 PM	Senate Public Safety Committee	307 CLOB
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Friday, February 10, 2017 – Legislative Day 16

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
12:00 PM	Senate Rules (upon adjournment)	450 CAP

**This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change*

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