

2019 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



New Faces



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Experienced Faces



David Ralston
Speaker of the
House



Jeff Mullis
Chairman
Senate Rules
Committee



Jack Hill
Chairman
Senate
Appropriation
Committee



Terry England
Chairman
House
Appropriation
Committee

Every Dog Has its Day

Georgia Purebred Dog Day – SR 476
Children’s Day – SR 354
Type I Diabetes Day – SR 361
Georgia Lineman Appreciation Day – SR 441
Clayton State University Day - HR 15
Cervical Cancer Day at the – HR 21
Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Day – HR 57
Effingham County Day –HR 67
Peanut Butter and Jelly Day – HR 385
Georgia Hearing Day – HR 81
Georgia Academy of Audiology Day – HR 83
Equine Youth Day– HR 102
Georgia Automatic Merchandising Council Day – HR 104
Tourism, Hospitality, and Arts Day – HR 109
Greater Augusta Day and Leadership Augusta Day – HR 124
Spelman College Class of 1969 Day – SR 138
Physician's Day at the state capitol – SR 139
Augusta's Interfaith Coalition Day - SR 141
Super Bowl LIII Day at the Capitol – HR 54
Electric Vehicle Day at the Capitol – HR 460
Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week– SR 140

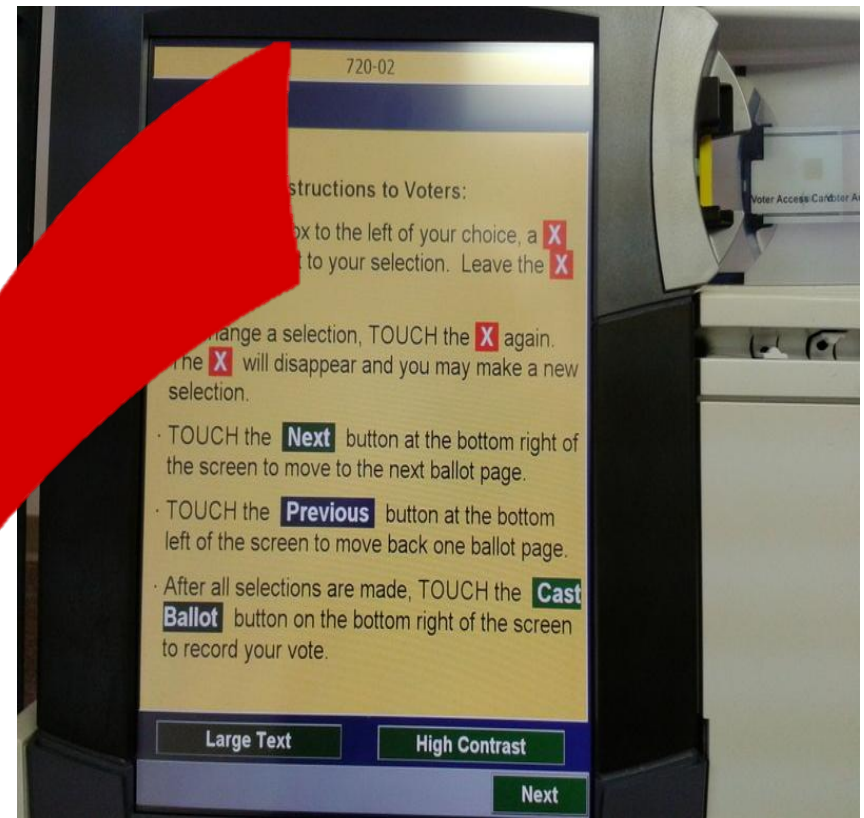
House Bill 316 – Voting Machines

-All Georgia Elections would use new electronic ballot marking technology

-Touch Screen Machines are used to mark ballots

-A paper print out would show choices made by each voter creating a verifiable paper trail

-A ballot scanner will then be used to count the votes



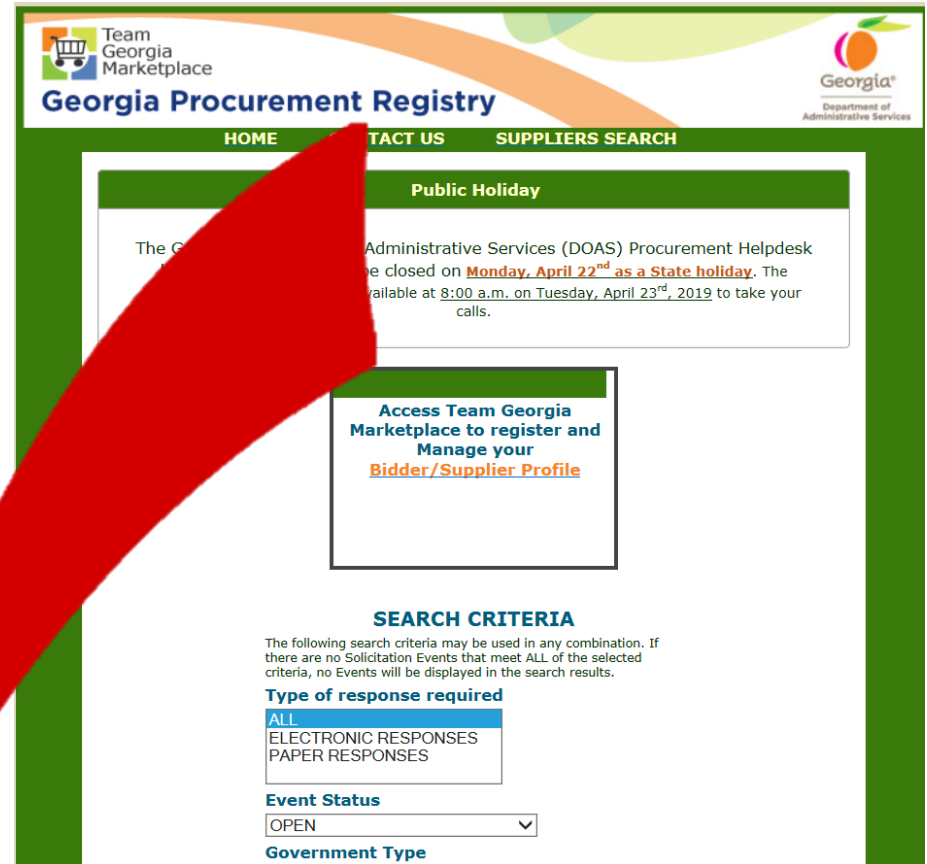
HB 228 – Marriage Age

- Raises minimum age for marriage
- Currently law allows marriage at 16 with parental consent
- New law allows marriage at 17, but only if child is emancipated and the older party is no more than 4 years older



HB 322 – Procurement Registry

- 2018 law required local governments to post all solicitations for goods, services, or public works construction valued at 10k or more on Georgia Procurement Registry
- HB 322 raises the threshold from \$10,000 to \$100,000



The screenshot displays the Georgia Procurement Registry website. At the top, there is a header with the 'Team Georgia Marketplace' logo and the 'Georgia Procurement Registry' title. Navigation links for 'HOME', 'CONTACT US', and 'SUPPLIERS SEARCH' are visible. A 'Public Holiday' notice states that the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) Procurement Helpdesk is closed on Monday, April 22nd, as a state holiday, and will be available at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019. Below this, a call to action encourages users to 'Access Team Georgia Marketplace to register and Manage your Bidder/Supplier Profile'. The 'SEARCH CRITERIA' section includes a note that criteria can be used in any combination and that no events will be displayed if all criteria are not met. The search criteria include: 'Type of response required' (with options: ALL, ELECTRONIC RESPONSES, PAPER RESPONSES), 'Event Status' (with a dropdown menu set to OPEN), and 'Government Type'.

House Bill 241 – Air Quality Testing

- Applies to any building that is publicly owned or leased by the state or a local government entity
- Requires the building operator to perform an air quality assessment of the
- Indoor Air Quality Building Education and Assessment Model, I-BEAM, developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

SB 4 – Lactation Room

Requires a lactation room in either the Capitol or Coverdell Legislative Office Building



Senate Bill 113

Generators in Nursing Homes

- Applies to nursing homes or personal care homes with 8 or more residents
- Requires generators to maintain sufficient power to maintain medical equipment, lighting, HVAC, refrigerator, phones, fire detection and suppression
- Duration to be set by Department of Community Health



HB 582 – Pet Custody



Requires Court to determine
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Senate Bill 2 - Broadband

- Authorizes EMC's to provide Broadband
- Prevents EMC's, Gas providers, and Broadband providers from cross-subsidization
- Can't 'bundle' gas, electric, and broadband



Senate Bill 2 - Broadband

- Allows broadband providers to use existing electric easements to provide broadband services without permission or notice from landowner and without compensation to landowner
 - But it allows the power company to collect a fee for use of the easement by the broadband company
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HB 311 – Sovereign Immunity



Waiver of immunity = You can sue the State

Previously you can sue the state for:

-Breach of Contract

(i.e. injury caused by negligence)

New law allows claims for declaratory or injunctive relief for violations of a state statute, or the constitution

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You can bring a claim to force the state to do (or not do) something that it is required to do

SB -131 - Airport Takeover



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Daylight Savings Time

- HB 628 – State will observe () Time
- HB 630 – observe () Savings T
- HB 709 – Referendum of Daylight Savings Time



SB 172 – Regulation of Building Aesthetics

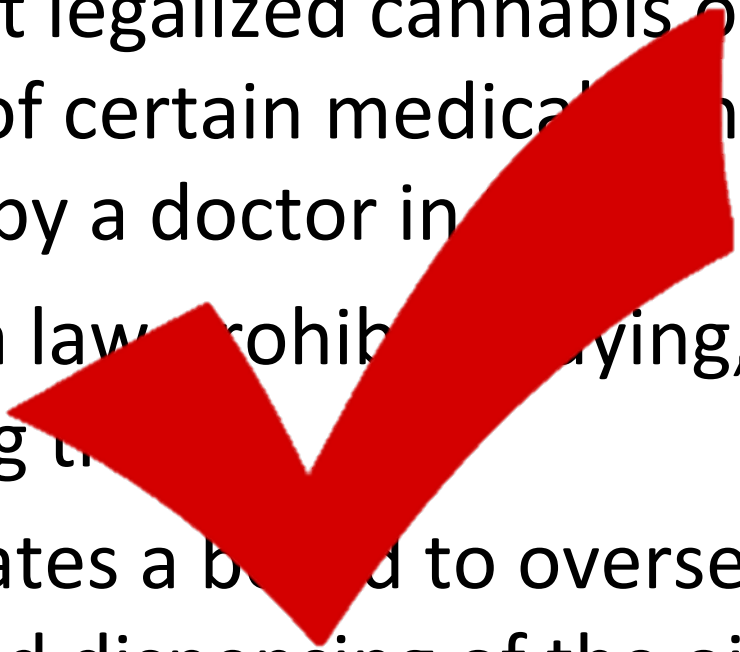
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- (G) The interior layout of rooms;
- (H) Types of foundation structures
approved under state
minimum standard codes.



Exceptions for Historic Properties

HB 324 – Medical Marijuana

- Georgia first legalized cannabis oil for treatment of certain medical conditions when prescribed by a doctor in
 - But Georgia law prohibits growing, selling or transporting it
 - HB 324 creates a board to oversee growing, licensing and dispensing of the oil
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