

## 2017-18 TOP 5 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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### **1. Annexation, Deannexation and Incorporation**

While annexation and incorporation may be appropriate, these processes are abused when their primary objectives are circumventing a county's land use plan, zoning or other ordinances, or shifting limited fiscal resources while not assuming appropriate service delivery responsibilities. ACCG seeks meaningful changes to both annexation and incorporation law to remedy these abuses. To further individual property rights, the General Assembly should authorize property owners to deannex from a city under the same conditions as annexation.

### **2. Modernization and Balanced Funding of the E-9-1-1 System**

ACCG calls for the creation of a Local Government 9-1-1 Authority to provide statewide fee collection, coordination, planning, auditing of service providers and enforcement of requirements. ACCG also calls for an increase in available 9-1-1 funding by bringing parity to all 9-1-1 fees collected, \$1.50 per month or retail transaction, and the elimination of the cost recovery charges.

### **3. Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE)**

ACCG's platform statement on the Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) program builds from legislation that came close to final passage in the 2016 legislative session. The updated statement calls for further measures to tighten enforcement of eligibility for, and use of, GATE cards, calls for more information sharing between the relevant state departments that administer GATE, and urges the General Assembly to require detailed annual reporting regarding GATE's fiscal impact.

### **4. Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) Reform**

ACCG's platform statement on title ad valorem tax (TAVT) reform calls for parity in treatment between new and used cars regarding valuation for tax purposes. The statement also calls for the end to the annual statewide cap on the dollar amount of revenue local governments receive from TAVT.

### **5. Single County T-SPLOST**

ACCG supports reforms to the Single County TSPLOST to make it easier to use and more flexible.