

Population Acts of Georgia: A Pernicious Profusion of Confusion. VOLUME II.

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FOREWORD

This book is a continuation of a work commenced originally when I was on staff at the Office of Legislative Counsel. The work has been a ‘labor of love’ of mine for several decades now. The 2013 edition was a significantly expanded and revised version of that initial work. This 2022 edition represents a continuation of the effort to keep the materials up to date. Volume I covers material through the 2010 census and Volume II begins with a comparison between the 2010 census and the 2020 census. Grateful acknowledgement and appreciation are expressed to Mr. Rick Ruskell, Legislative Counsel of the Georgia General Assembly, for his ongoing cooperation, support, and assistance in helping keep this invaluable resource available and current.

The population Act was and remains a deceptive mechanism in Georgia through which the general law of the state is changed for particular municipalities or counties. The Constitution specifically prohibits the enactment of local or special laws in cases for which provision has been made by general law. A population Act, euphemistically known as a general law of local application, purports to be a ‘valid’ method by which this clear prohibition can be ignored.

The courts of this state have remained, for the most part, unpersuaded by the legal fiction put forth by population Acts. Under cases such as *Dougherty County v. Bush*, 227 Ga. 137 (1971); *Strickland v. Richmond County*, 243 Ga. 462 (1979); & *Board of Commissioners v. Clayton County School District*, 250 Ga. 244 (1982); and many others, a test is used to analyze the dubious validity of these measures. The test consists of three questions regarding legislation which classified political subdivisions by population. First, is the classification open ended so as to allow subdivisions to come into and fall out of the classification? Second, does it apply only to a single entity? Third, is the classifying device reasonably related to the purpose of the legislation? Very few population Acts comply with this test. Regardless of their unconstitutionality in the eyes of the courts, the use of this legislative ‘tool’ continued.

An attempt to address the issue was made when the Constitution of 1983 was adopted. It contained a new prohibition found in Art. III, Sec. VI, Para. IV(b) which forbade the passage of population bills. However, the prohibition was not applicable to all population Acts, but was limited only to population bills “as defined by the General Assembly.” The General Assembly followed with an implementing general law. The entire text of this statute, O.C.G.A. 28-1-15, follows this Foreword and warrants a thorough perusal. The breadth and scope of this Code section has essentially shut the door on the enactment of new population Acts. Population Acts enacted prior to 1997 remain in place, at least until challenged in court or repealed by the General Assembly.

While substantive amendment is not permitted, the brackets may be revised to remain applicable to the target political subdivisions. There is a caveat that must be expressed on this point. Under paragraph (5) of subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. 28-1-15, a ‘remain applicable’ amendment means that the provisions remain applicable to those political subdivisions to which the provisions applied *immediately prior to the time the most recent census figures became available*. The 2020 census figures, for the most part, become effective July 1, 2022. Thus, a ‘remain applicable’ amendment is limited in function to applying to political subdivisions to which a provision applied *immediately prior to July 1, 2022*. As a practical matter, this means that a ‘remain applicable’ amendment can operate to continue applicability ONLY regarding the affected political subdivisions from the 2010 census to the 2020 census. If a political subdivision failed to update population brackets from the 2000 census to the 2010 census, then it is now too late to update from the 2000 census to the 2020 census if different political subdivisions are involved. To illustrate by example, suppose a population Act applied to County A under the 2000 census. Under the 2010 census, that population Act applied to Counties A & B. No ‘remain applicable’ amendment was done at the time the 2010 census figures became effective. Under the 2020 census, the population Act still applies to Counties A & B. It is no longer possible to do a ‘remain applicable’ amendment to eliminate the

applicability to County B. This is because *immediately prior* to July 1, 2022, the population Act applied to Counties A & B.

Repeals of these Acts have taken the form of individual repeals as well as a bill containing a large number of repeals, Ga. L. 2001, p. 1473. One might immediately inquire how such a mass repealer passes muster under Art. III, Sec. V, Para. III of the Constitution which provides that “(n)o bill shall pass which refers to more than one subject matter or contains matter different from what is expressed in the title thereof.” In fact, the use of this type of repealer has withstood judicial scrutiny on that very basis in *Brd. Of Public Edu. For the City of Savannah & Chatham Co. v. Hair*, 276 Ga. 575 (2003).

The 2020 decennial census has been conducted and governing authorities as well as city and county attorneys may wish to examine carefully whether population Acts apply, or do not apply, to their political subdivisions. A comprehensive User’s Guide has been included to assist in any review which may be conducted. Local officials should remain mindful of the varying dates regarding when the 2020 decennial census figures became applicable to Georgia statutes. These dates are specified in O.C.G.A. 1-3-1(d)(2) and this text is set forth for the convenience and ready reference of the reader immediately following this Foreword.

This publication is current through the 2022 regular session of the General Assembly and it is my sincere hope that the book will be an informative and useful research tool for all who have occasion to travel through its pages. It is my intention that this volume not be a static publication. Updated, electronic copies will continue to be provided at [Georgia General Assembly - Office of Legislative Counsel \(ga.gov\)](http://Georgia General Assembly - Office of Legislative Counsel (ga.gov)) and https://www.accg.org/legal_publications.php for the convenience and accessibility of interested local officials and local government attorneys. Please be encouraged to point out any errors that you may find so that they may be corrected in the subsequent edition of this book. I hope you will e-mail them to me at jscheuer@accg.org

Please remain mindful that this book is solely and exclusively for informational purposes. The review remarks cannot and do not reflect a detailed or thorough understanding of the governmental operations, political atmosphere, and social needs of each locality. Consequently, nothing stated in these pages either constitutes or should be viewed as constituting a legal opinion.

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EFFECTIVE DATES OF CENSUS

(Current through September 1, 2022)

For purposes of Georgia statutes, the effective dates of the census are provided in O.C.G.A. Section 1-3-1(d)(2), relating to construction of statutes generally. That portion of the Code section reads as follows:

(2) Census. Whenever there is used in the statutory law of this state the term "federal census," "United States census," "decennial census," or similar words referring to the official census conducted every ten years by the United States of America or any agency thereof as required by Article I, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the United States, the effective date of such census for the purpose of making operative and of force any statutory law of this state shall be determined as follows:

(A) The effective date of the census shall be January 1 of the second year after the year in which the census is conducted, for the purpose of making operative and of force the following laws:

- (i) Code Section 15-16-20;
- (ii) Code Sections 15-6-88 through 15-6-91;
- (iii) Code Section 48-5-183;
- (iv) Code Sections 15-9-63 through 15-9-66;
- (v) Code Section 36-5-25;
- (vi) Code Section 15-10-23; and
- (vii) Code Section 45-16-11;

provided, however, that if a county's population decreases according to a more recent census below its population according to an earlier census, then, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any officer who is compensated under a law specified in this subparagraph and who is in office on the date specified in this subparagraph shall continue during his or her entire tenure in such office (including any future terms of office in such office) to be compensated on the basis of the county's population according to such earlier census;

(B) For purposes of any program of grants of state funds to local governments, the effective date of the census shall be July 1 of the first year after the year in which the census is conducted;

(C) For the purpose of reconstituting the membership of any constitutional or statutory board, commission, or body whose members are appointed from congressional districts, the effective date of the census shall be January 1 of the third year after the year in which the census is conducted;

(D) The effective date of the census shall be July 1 of the second year after the year in which the census is conducted for the purpose of making operative and of force all other statutory laws which do not expressly provide otherwise.

O.C.G.A. Section 28-1-15

(Current through September 1, 2022)

(a) This Code section is passed pursuant to the authority of Article III, Section VI, Paragraph IV, subparagraph (b) of the Constitution, and no population bill shall be passed and no bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions may expressly or impliedly amend, modify, supersede, or repeal this Code section.

(b) As used in this Code section, "political subdivision" means any county, municipality, county school district, independent school district, judicial circuit, militia district, or any other geographical area of the state which does not include the entire area of the state.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, "population bill" means any bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state. "Population bill" shall not include the following:

(1) A bill applicable to one specified type of political subdivision and containing a combination of population classifications which includes the population of and affects all political subdivisions of the type specified, including but not limited to state-wide minimum salary bills for county officers;

(2) A bill classifying political subdivisions having less than a specified population and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect the legality of any bills classifying political subdivisions having less than a specified population enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988;

(3) A bill classifying political subdivisions having more than a specified population and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect:

(A) The legality of any bills classifying political subdivisions having more than a specified population enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988; or

(B) The passage or legality of any bills amending bills referred to in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph with respect to specific subject matter contained in such bills on July 1, 1988;

(4) A bill classifying political subdivisions on the basis of the population of standard metropolitan statistical areas and affecting three or more such political subdivisions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to or affect the legality of any bills classifying on the basis of the population of standard metropolitan statistical areas enacted prior to July 1, 1988, or which become effective July 1, 1988;

(5) A bill amending a law which classifies political subdivisions on the basis of population if that amendment merely changes the population classification of such law so as to permit that law to remain applicable to those political subdivisions to which that law was applicable immediately prior to the time the most recent census figures became applicable to those political subdivisions; or

(6) A bill repealing a law which classifies on the basis of population.

In order to be permissible under the foregoing exceptions, a bill must fit within only one of the foregoing exceptions; and any bill which uses two or more of the foregoing classification devices shall be a prohibited "population bill."

(c.1) (1) A population bill shall also mean any bill using classification by population as a means of determining the applicability of any bill or law to any political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state with respect to the following:

(A) The salary of any officer, official, or employee of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; provided, however, that the limitation provided for in this subparagraph shall not apply to state-wide minimum salary bills for county officers which are authorized under paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(B) The property, affairs, or operation of the governing authority of a county or municipality, including, but not limited to, any matters pertaining to municipal annexation, deannexation, incorporation, or dissolution.

(2) Except as provided in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, any population bill which meets any of the classification criteria of this subsection shall be a prohibited population bill even if such bill is described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section. Any such bill enacted prior to July 1, 1997, or which became effective July 1, 1997, may thereafter be repealed as authorized under paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section or may only be amended as authorized under paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate any judicially imposed requirements for Acts classifying on the basis of population.

USING THIS REFERENCE

First Things First

It is recommended that a user familiarize himself or herself with the book's overall structure and contents. The Foreword provides some useful history and background of population Acts. This reference guide should answer most questions.

Get the Numbers

The second step is to find your county's (or city's) population. There are several readily available sources for this information. First, go the Reapportionment Office website, <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>, and scroll down to the file named "2020 Census Count by GA County Population". Second, look in Vol. 42A of the O.C.G.A., the local law index. Beginning on page 79 of the 2022 Supplement to Vol. 42A, you will find an alphabetical listing of all Georgia counties with separate columns detailing the population of each county under the 2020 census as well as every census dating back to the 1930 census. On page 85 of that Supplement, you will find a numerical listing in descending order of each county and its population under the 2010 census. Third, this exact same information may also be found in Volume III of Georgia Laws (the tan-colored hard bound compilation of the general and local Acts enacted by the General Assembly) for 2022 or subsequent years. NOTE, if you use Georgia Laws, be certain that in 2022, you are using the 2022 edition and subsequently, you are using the most recent year following the 2022 edition. The 2021 set will NOT have the 2020 census numbers in the charts and will only be current through the 2010 census. The most recent year following the 2022 edition will contain any official updates to the census figures.

Identifying the Population Acts that Affect Your County or City

The third step is to go to the Table of Contents immediately following this reference guide. You will find an alphabetical listing of each county (as well as cities). To the right of each county name is a listing of every page in the book on which that county appears. Please note that this listing covers only the 2010 and 2020 census columns. For census columns prior to 2010, see Volume I. Further, if there is a population Act for a miscellaneous entry, as well as other categories with one exception noted below, and that entry applies to your county, there will be a page reference so noted in the Table of Contents under your county's name. To use this book for a city, simply follow the same path as if researching a county.

Using the listing of pages from the Table of Contents, turn to each listed page and consult the census columns. By simply reviewing the listings of counties under the census columns you can ascertain whether:

- 1) A population Act that applied to your county under the 2010 census continues to apply under the 2020 census;
- 2) a population Act that applied to your county under the 2010 census no longer applies your county under the new 2020 census due to population gain or loss; or
- 3) A population Act that did not apply to your county under the 2010 census now does apply to your county under the 2020 census due to population gain or loss.

The 2 columns on the right side of the page will give a very brief description of what the population Act does and will include a citation to where the text of the provision can be found. If the population Act is uncodified (*i.e.*, it does not appear in the O.C.G.A.), there will ONLY be a citation to the most recent amendment

thereto as found in Georgia Laws. If the population Act has been codified, there will be a Code section citation, as well as a Georgia Laws reference to the most recent amendment thereto.

Note that the listings **do not** include:

- (1) Minimum salary provisions for county officers like sheriffs or tax commissioners;
- (2) Local constitutional amendments (these are covered in detail in a different publication); or
- (3) Fees or other types of comprehensive bracket schedules that specify bracketed ranges covering all cities or all counties (*e.g.*, Code Section 33-8-8(b)(1)).

If you do NOT see any entries for your county in the Index, DO NOT assume that there are no population Acts. You still need to consult the Broadly Focused Statutes – Counties listings beginning on Page 109. These are listed ONLY by population and NOT by county name since they apply to so many jurisdictions. It is particularly important that you do not omit this step since there are NUMEROUS population Acts referenced here. Also, be certain to consult the Miscellaneous listings as these contain numerous entries regarding population Acts that apply to all cities in a county of a specified population as well as other classifications.

One might be tempted to simply turn to the part of the book that lists populations close to that of your county. There is a high degree of likelihood that something will get missed if you limit your review to just this method, so I recommend highly that you follow the above steps for the sake of completeness.

Policy Decisions and Legislation

If you determine that your county is impacted either because it no longer is within the correct population range of a desired and previously existing population Act OR because it has found itself now within the population range specified by the population Act and consequently is subject to new and unwanted statutory requirements, then you should consult with your local officials and determine whether it is best to either repeal the population Act OR to seek an amendment to it that keeps the provision applicable only to the jurisdictions which were covered by it immediately prior to the date the new census figures became effective. With regard to the 2020 census, for the bulk of population Acts this date is July 1, 2022. However, there are several exceptions which are detailed at the beginning of this book on the page, Effective Date of Census. Also, be certain to review the limitation on the use of ‘remain applicable’ amendments. This caveat is covered in detail in the 5th unnumbered paragraph of the FOREWARD.

Once the policy decision has been made to seek either a repeal or an amendment, then you should consult with a member of the General Assembly who represents your county and request their assistance. The legislator will then take the request to the Office of Legislative Counsel and that office will prepare the appropriate bill. As a final note, please remain mindful that population Acts are **NOT** local bills. They are general bills of local application and are subject to the constitutional, statutory, and procedural rules and timelines that apply to ALL general bills.

ACCG Can Help

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Also, please do not hesitate to let me know what your suggestions are for improving the usability of the book.

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900,000 or more

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800,000 or more

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More than 650,000

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625,000 - 725,000

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More than 600,000

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COUNTIES
600,000 or more

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Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Retirement system, pension rights	Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 3000 Ga. L. 1978, p. 4546
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Volunteer legal services program for indigent persons	Ga. L. 1979, p. 3131 Ga. L. 1992, p. 1056
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Justice of the peace emeritus position created	Ga. L. 1967, p. 2313 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2351
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Jury clerk; juror questionnaires	15-12-11(a) Ga. L. 2011, p. 59

COUNTIES
600,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Deposit of funds held for third party or litigant for safekeeping into county treasury	36-6-16.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2350
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Police and firefighters' retirement	Ga. L. 1963, p. 2268 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2343
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Location for sheriff's sales of personal property	9-13-161.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2344
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Gwinnett Fulton	Certain employees of such a county probation system to continue as members of local retirement system	47-2-296(f) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2344

COUNTIES
Not less than 600,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb	Cobb	Legal defense of indigent persons	Ga. L. 1967, p. 3014
DeKalb	DeKalb		Ga. L. 1992, p. 2054
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		

COUNTIES
680,000 - 690,000

<u>2010 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Cobb	NONE	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(e) Ga. L. 2002, p. 688

COUNTIES
More than 550,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb	Cobb	Increase benefits for police, firefighters' retirement	Ga. L. 1969, p. 3652
DeKalb	DeKalb		Ga. L. 1981, p. 3257
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Cobb	Cobb	Authority of senior superior court judge relating to county law library	36-15-9(a.1)
DeKalb	DeKalb		Ga. L. 1982, p. 1103
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		

COUNTIES
550,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Power of judge of probate court to administer oath of office	15-9-33(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Lease of airport property lying within such counties	6-3-25(4) Ga. L. 1987, p. 631
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Tax commissioner to appoint chief deputy	48-5-128.1(a) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Per diem allowance for directors of development authority	36-62-5(c) Ga. L. 2022, p. 254
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Eligibility of chief deputy clerk of probate court to fill probate judge vacancy	15-9-2(c) Ga. L. 1983, p. 544

COUNTIES

550,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Additional two members for county board of family and children services	49-3-2(f) Ga. L. 1981, p. 960
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Assessment against private property for cost for repair of public way resulting from private construction	32-4-42(11) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Purchasing department	Ga. L. 1941, p. 408 Ga. L. 1998, p. 583
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	County building authority established	Ga. L. 1980, p. 4488 Ga. L. 1996, p. 625

COUNTIES
550,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Civil service board	Ga. L. 1979, p. 4346
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	County governing authority authorized to supplement salaries of former employees of county probation system	47-2-296(e) & (h)(1) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1809
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Supplemental storage of records by superior court clerk	Ga. L. 1982, p. 3851
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Sheriff's compensation	Ga. L. 1977, p. 3274 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3171
Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Cobb County DeKalb County Fulton County Gwinnett County	Payment to such county as partial reimbursement for membership in a local retirement system of employees of county board or department of health	47-2-297(a) Ga. L. 1988, p. 920

COUNTIES

550,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Compensation for board of education	Ga. L. 1978, p. 3929 Ga. L. 1981, p. 4362
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Courthouse annex to be additional registrar's office for absentee ballots	21-2-382(b) Ga. L. 2010, p. 914
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Subsection inapplicable (relates to keeping open office of county board of registrars until duties completed)	21-2-490(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Alternative homestead tax deferral for elderly for tax exceeding 4% of gross household income	48-5-72.1(a) Ga. L. 1988, p. 466
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Merger of county probation system into state system	42-8-43.1(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1605

COUNTIES

550,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Right to negotiate private sale of county property	36-9-3(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Defines "county" for purposes of Code section relating to retirement membership for teachers of county school systems	47-3-67(a)(2) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1207
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Authority to issue citations for violation of county ordinances	36-13-5.1 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Authority to assess against property cost of repairing public way resulting from private construction	36-1-18(a) Ga. L. 1981, p. 3259
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Citations authorized for violation of county ordinances	36-1-17 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3261

COUNTIES

550,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Subsection inapplicable (allows employees of county probation systems the option of retiring under a local retirement system)	47-2-296(e) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1809
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Criminal court: "agency" designation, accusations	Ga. L. 1973, p. 2674 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3278
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Approving county probation system's becoming part of state-wide probation system	Ga. L. 1982, p. 5099
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Compensation for board of education	Ga. L. 1978, p. 3929 Ga. L. 1981, p. 4362

COUNTIES
Greater than 500,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb	Cobb	Larger maximum size for outdoor advertising signs	32-6-75(11)
DeKalb	DeKalb		Ga. L. 1973, p. 947
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		

COUNTIES
More than 500,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Form of condemnation procedure for school boards and system	20-2-522 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Code section inapplicable (authorizes General Assembly or county governing authority to create the office of county manager)	36-5-22(c) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2341
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Fees, costs, and commissions; disposition by officials	Ga. L. 1967, p. 3148

COUNTIES
500,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District	12-5-573(4) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115

COUNTIES

500,000 or more and any contiguous county

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Fulton (contiguous Carroll County* Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County* DeKalb County Douglas County* Fayette County* Forsyth County* Gwinnett County)	Fulton (contiguous Carroll County Cherokee County Clayton County Cobb County Coweta County DeKalb County Douglas County Fayette County Forsyth County Gwinnett County)	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Opt out by contiguous county of 100,000 or less. (Asterisk denotes 100,000 or less.)	12-5-573(4) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115
DeKalb (contiguous Clayton County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Rockdale County*)	DeKalb (contiguous Clayton County Fulton County Gwinnett County Henry County Rockdale County*)		
Cobb (contiguous Bartow County* Cherokee County Douglas County* Fulton County Paulding County*)	Cobb (contiguous Bartow County Cherokee County Douglas County Fulton County Paulding County)		

COUNTIES

500,000 or more and any contiguous county

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Gwinnett (contiguous Barrow County* DeKalb County Forsyth County* Fulton County Hall County Rockdale County* Walton County*)	Gwinnett (contiguous Barrow County* DeKalb County Forsyth County Fulton County Hall County Rockdale County* Walton County*)		

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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COUNTIES
450,000 or more

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Cobb	Cobb	Powers and duties of county board of health	31-5-10(a)
DeKalb	DeKalb	relating to conditions on private property	Ga. L. 1985, p. 388
Fulton	Fulton	which are injurious to public	
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		

COUNTIES
425,000 or more

<u>2010</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Chief deputy designated by candidate for clerk of state court to be on ballot	21-2-17 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2590

COUNTIES
More than 400,000

2010 Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Issuance of marriage licenses at satellite courthouses	19-3-31 Ga. L. 1995, p. 567
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Probate judge offices at satellite courthouses	15-9-81(a) Ga. L. 1995, p. 568

COUNTIES
400,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Defining "campus"	20-8-1(1) Ga. L. 1984, p. 596
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Additional board of equalization at election of county governing authority; appeal to be decided by any two members of board of equalization	48-5-311(a)(3) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1104
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	County board of health; prevention of injuries	31-3-4(a)(8) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1204
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	County probation systems; state participation in cost; merger	42-8-43.1(a) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1605
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Appropriations for or grants to certain charitable organizations	36-1-19.1(a) Ga. L. 1996, p. 1416

COUNTIES of 400,000 or more:

All cities within

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cities within: Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cities within: Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Sales of alcoholic beverages at festivals	3-3-20(d)(1) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1694

COUNTIES
400,000 - 500,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
NONE	NONE	Superintendent of largest city school system to serve as ex officio member of county board of health	31-3-2(f) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1217
NONE	NONE	Binding statement of intention as to allocation of bond proceeds	36-82-4.1(a) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1232

COUNTIES
More than 350,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Permits to private applicants for solid waste disposal facilities	12-8-25(a)(2) Ga. L. 1990, p. 412
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Permits for solid waste disposal facilities	12-8-25(a)(1) Ga. L. 1990, p. 412

COUNTIES

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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COUNTIES
350,000 to 500,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
NONE	NONE	Commission retained by tax collector or commissioner for collection of school taxes	48-5-404(c) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1853
NONE	NONE	Board of Registration and Elections established	Ga. L. 1978, p. 3677 Ga. L. 1981, p. 3309

COUNTIES
300,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Sheriff's written consent not required for tax collector or commissioner to serve as ex officio sheriff	48-5-137(f)(1) Ga. L. 1985, p. 1492
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Airport authority established	Ga. L. 1947, p. 1446

COUNTIES
Greater than 290,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton	Chatham Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Commission to hear application for permit to develop cemetery land	36-72-9 Ga. L. 1991, p. 924

COUNTIES
More than 250,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb Forsyth DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Investigators, assistants to district attorney authorized	Ga. L. 1963, p. 484
Chatham Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb Forsyth DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Precinct division and boundaries	21-2-262(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 1512

COUNTIES
250,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham	Chatham	County probation systems	42-8-43.3
Clayton	Cherokee		Ga. L. 1988, p. 1951
Cobb	Clayton		
DeKalb	Cobb		
Fulton	Forsyth		
Gwinnett	DeKalb		
	Fulton		
	Gwinnett		

COUNTIES
218,000 - 445,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham Clayton	Chatham Cherokee Clayton Forsyth Henry	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d) (Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690)* * This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 150,000 - 180,000 (Columbus, Ga.; Bibb County) 1990 and 183,000 - 216,000 (Consolidated Government of Agusta-Richmond County) 1990

COUNTIES
200,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham	Augusta-Richmond		
Cherokee	Chatham	Minimum compensation for poll officers	21-2-98(b)
Clayton	Cherokee		Ga. L. 1995, p. 570
Cobb	Clayton		
DeKalb	Cobb		
Fulton	Columbus-Muscogee		
Gwinnett	DeKalb		
Henry	Forsyth		
Augusta-Richmond	Fulton		
	Gwinnett		
	Hall		
	Henry		
Chatham	Augusta-Richmond	Recording device at grand jury	15-12-83(e)
Cherokee	Chatham	examination of witness	Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Clayton	Cherokee		
Cobb	Clayton		
DeKalb	Cobb		
Fulton	Columbus-Muscogee		
Gwinnett	DeKalb		
Henry	Forsyth		
Augusta-Richmond	Fulton		
	Gwinnett		
	Hall		
	Henry		

COUNTIES

200,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett Henry Richmond	Augusta-Richmond Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb Columbus- Musogee DeKalb Forsyth Fulton Gwinnett Hall Henry	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board	12-5-575(a)(1) Ga. L. 2001, p. 115
Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett Henry Richmond	Augusta-Richmond Chatham Cherokee Clayton Cobb Columbus- Muscogee DeKalb Forsyth Fulton Gwinnett Hall Henry	Georgia Regional Transportation Authority jurisdiction	50-32-10(b)(3) Ga. L. 1999, p. 112

COUNTIES
200,000 - 275,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham Cherokee Clayton Henry Richmond	Augusta-Richmond Cherokee Columbus-Muscogee Forsyth Hall Henry	Additional fees for county law library applicable to recorder's courts	36-15-9(d) Ga. L. 1982, p. 591

COUNTIES
200,000 to 250,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cherokee Henry Richmond	Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Hall Henry	Additional judge for recorder's court provided	Ga. L. 1979, p. 4185 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4500
Cherokee Henry Richmond	Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Hall Henry	Municipal court's finding of contempt of court when peace bond has been required	17-6-112(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

COUNTIES
195,000 - 205,000

<u>2010 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Augusta-Richmond Henry	Hall	Treasurer abolished; emeritus office created	Ga. L. 1975, p. 4529 Ga. L. 2002, p. 952

COUNTIES
183,000 - 216,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cherokee	Augusta-Richmond	Elections board established	Ga. L. 1973, p. 2283, Ga. L. 1992, p. 1224
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Henry	Hall		
Augusta-Richmond			
Macon-Bibb	Augusta-Richmond	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690* *This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 150,000 - 180,000 and 218,000 - 445,000.
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbia		
Forsyth	Columbus-Muscogee		
Hall	Forsyth		
Henry	Hall		
Augusta-Richmond	Henry		
	Houston		
	Macon-Bibb		
	Paulding		

COUNTIES
180,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Chatham	Augusta-Richmond	Judicial assistance from other courts	15-1-9.1(a)(2)(E)
Cherokee	Chatham		Ga. L. 2008, p. 540
Clayton	Cherokee		
Cobb	Clayton		
Columbus-	Cobb		
Muscogee	Columbus-		
DeKalb	Muscogee		
Fulton	DeKalb		
Gwinnett	Fulton		
Henry	Gwinnett		
Augusta-	Forsyth		
Richmond	Hall		
	Henry		

2010 Census	2020 Census	Subject	Citation
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COUNTIES
162,000 - 165,000

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
None	Houston	Use of excess excise tax on malt beverages	3-5-83(b) Ga. L. 1981, p. 1269

COUNTIES
150,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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COUNTIES
150,000 - 180,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Date for payment of taxes; penalties; interest	48-5-24(d)
Macon-Bibb	Chatham		*Ga. L. 1992, p. 1690
Chatham	Cherokee		
Cherokee	Clayton		
Clayton	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
	Houston		
	Macon-Bibb		
	Paulding		
			*This amendment also made subsection (d) applicable to counties of 183,000 - 216,000 and 218,000 - 445,000

COUNTIES
140,000, more than

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Sale of alcoholic beverages by coliseum	3-8-3(a)(2) Ga. L. 1993, p. 325
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbus	Columbia		
DeKalb	Columbus-Muscogee		
Forsyth	Coweta		
Fulton	DeKalb		
Gwinnett	Douglas		
Hall	Forsyth		
Henry	Fulton		
Macon-Bibb	Gwinnett		
Paulding	Hall		
	Henry		
	Houston		
	Macon-Bibb		
	Paulding		

COUNTIES
More than 100,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Authorization for chief of county police force to request GBI assistance	35-3-8.1
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		Ga. L. 1987, p. 3
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Douglas	Douglas		
Fayette	Fayette		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
Houston	Houston		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Macon-Bibb	Macon-Bibb		
Paulding	Newton		
Whitfield	Paulding		
	Whitfield		

COUNTIES
More than 100,000

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COUNTIES
100,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Additional county hospital authority created	31-7-73(a) Ga. L. 1972, p. 683
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Douglas	Douglas		
Fayette	Fayette		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
Houston	Houston		
Macon-Bibb	Macon-Bibb		
Paulding	Newton		
Whitfield	Paulding		
	Whitfield		
	Lowndes		

COUNTIES
100,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Governing authority shall adopt state minimum fire safety standards	25-2-12(a)(1) Ga. L. 1982, p. 479 (see also p. 82)
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Douglas	Douglas		
Fayette	Fayette		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
Houston	Houston		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Macon-Bibb	Macon-Bibb		
Paulding	Newton		
Whitfield	Paulding		
	Whitfield		

COUNTIES
100,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Members of county board of tax assessors ineligible to hold county property appraisal staff position	48-5-292(c) Ga. L. 1993, p. 603
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Douglas	Douglas		
Fayette	Fayette		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
Houston	Houston		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Macon-Bibb	Macon-Bibb		
Paulding	Newton		
Whitfield	Paulding		
	Whitfield		

COUNTIES
99,000 to 161,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke Bartow Carroll Columbia Coweta Douglas Fayette Houston Lowndes	Athens-Clarke Bartow Carroll Columbia Coweta Douglas Fayette Lowndes Macon-Bibb	District attorney: investigators authorized	Ga. L. 1974, p. 2475
Macon-Bibb	Newton		
Newton	Whitfield		
Paulding			
Whitfield			

COUNTIES
More than 90,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Additional qualifications for judge of probate court	15-9-4(b)
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		Ga. L. 2020, p.460
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Dougherty	Douglas		
Douglas	Fayette		
Fayette	Forsyth		
Floyd	Fulton		
Forsyth	Floyd		
Fulton	Gwinnett		
Gwinnett	Hall		
Hall	Henry		
Henry	Houston		
Houston	Lowndes		
Lowndes	Macon-Bibb		
Macon-Bibb	Newton		
Newton	Paulding		
Paulding	Rockdale		

COUNTIES
More than 90,000

Whitfield

Walton

Whitfield

COUNTIES
More than 90,000, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke	Defines "probate court" for purposes of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 15, relating to jury trials and appeal	15-9-120(2)
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		Ga. L. 2012, p. 683
Bartow	Bartow		
Carroll	Carroll		
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbia	Columbia		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Coweta	Coweta		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Dougherty	Douglas		
Douglas	Fayette		
Fayette	Floyd		
Floyd	Forsyth		
Forsyth	Fulton		
Fulton	Gwinnett		
Gwinnett	Hall		
Hall	Henry		
Henry	Houston		
Houston	Lowndes		
Lowndes	Macon-Bibb		
Macon-Bibb	Newton		
Newton	Paulding		
Paulding	Rockdale		
Whitfield	Walton		
	Whitfield		

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Application	Application	Application	Application	Subject	Citation

COUNTIES
81,300 - 89,000

<u>2010 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Rockdale Walton	Barrow Dougherty Glynn	Time for presentation of returns by tax receiver or tax commissioner to tax assessors	48-5-301(b) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1187

COUNTIES
80,000 to 85,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Walton	Barrow Bulloch Glynn	Accounting and bookkeeping system	Ga. L. 1967, p. 2969 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2337

COUNTIES
71,500 - 75,000

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
None	None	Interest on delinquent taxes	48-5-148(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1211

COUNTIES
71,500 - 73,000

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
None	None	Interest on delinquent taxes	48-5-148(c) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1211

COUNTIES

Less than 50,001 but greater than 30,000

<u>2010 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Baldwin	Baldwin	High tech data center	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(II)
Bryan	Bryan	Minimum investment	Ga. L. 2022, p. 655
Coffee	Coffee	Threshold	
Colquitt	Colquitt		
Habersham	Gilmer		
Harris	Habersham		
Laurens	Harris		
Murray	Laurens		
Oconee	Lee		
Polk	Lumpkin		
Sumter	Madison		
Thomas	Murray		
Tift	Oconee		
Ware	Pickens		
Wayne	Polk		
	Thomas		
	Tift		
	Ware		
	Wayne		

COUNTIES
50,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
		High tech data center minimum investment	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(II) Ga. L. 2022, p. 655
		Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Bulloch, Camden, Carroll, Catoosa, Chatham, Cherokee, Clayton, Clarke, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Dougherty, Douglas, Effingham, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Glynn, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Liberty, Lowndes, Muscogee, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Richmond, Spalding Troup, Walker, Walton	
			41,700-42,300
None	Oconee	Board of directors of constitutional industrial development authority of such county to become directors for development authority	36-62-4(d) Ga. L. 1992, p. 1157

COUNTIES
24,000 - 26,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Grady	Burke	Authorization for board of directors of	36-62-4(e)
Hart	Butts	certain industrial development authorities	Ga. L. 1992, p. 1207
Tattnall	Chattooga	to become board of directors of any	
	Fannin	development authority created under	
	Hart	O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-62	
	Union		

COUNTIES
23,500 - 23,675

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Butts	None	Defines "homestead" as applies to leased property	48-5-40(3)(L) Ga. L. 2012, p. 688

COUNTIES
9,790 - 9,890

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
None	Pulaski	Trash receptacles: placement	Ga. L. 1979, p. 3983 Ga. L. 1992, p. 907

CITIES
More than 350,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Presiding in municipal court	15-8-6 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Authorizes certain municipal corporations to become self-insurers	Ga. L. 1970, p. 3207 Ga. L. 1991, p. 302

CITIES
350,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Contracts binding successor governing authority in certain circumstances	36-30-3(c)(1) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Authorization to close streets adjacent to or through institutions of higher learning	36-30-12 Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Contracts relating to criminal justice purposes to be binding upon successor governing authority	36-30-3(c)(2) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989
Atlanta	Atlanta	Housing authority commissioners	8-3-50(a)(3) Ga. L. 1991, p. 390
Atlanta	Atlanta	Exercise of powers relating to relocation of those displaced by public works	22-4-11.1(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 307
Atlanta	Atlanta	Defines "municipality" for purposes of O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-41, relating to urban residential finance authorities for large cities	36-41-3(11) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989

CITIES
More than 300,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Retirement system: officers and employees	Ga. L. 1927, p. 265 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	Sale, lease, exchange, or grant of easement over property used for recreation	36-37-6.1(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 796
Atlanta	Atlanta	Audits	Ga. L. 1952, p. 2686
Atlanta	Atlanta	Binding contracts for botanical gardens on city property	36-34-5.2 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Binding contracts for zoos on city property	36-34-5.3 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta	Fire department retirement	Ga. L. 1924, p. 167 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	No tort liability for operator of fire apparatus responding to fire alarm	51-1-30.1(b) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149

CITIES
300,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta	Police retirement system	Ga. L. 1933, pp. 213 Ga. L. 1982, p. 4385
Atlanta	Atlanta	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(c) Ga. L. 1988, p. 232
Atlanta	Atlanta	Time for opening and closing polls	21-2-403 Ga. L. 1998, p. 295
Atlanta	Atlanta	City court of such a city not subject to county law library chapter	36-15-12 Ga. L. 1982, p. 586
Atlanta	Atlanta	Defines "municipalities" for purposes of Code section relating to membership of teachers employed by independent school systems	47-3-66(a)(3) Ga. L. 2010, p. 1207
Atlanta	Atlanta	Golf professionals compensation	Ga. L. 1957, p. 2843 Ga. L. 1964, p. 2707

CITIES
More than 200,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee	Authority to grant exclusive franchise relating to streets or sidewalks	44-8-10 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

CITIES
200,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta	Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee	Acquisition of realty for deferred payments	36-37-6.2(b) Ga. L. 1987, p. 3
Atlanta	Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee	Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 inapplicable (relates to consolidation of independent and county school systems)	20-2-373 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107
Atlanta	Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board	12-5-575(a)(2) Ga. L. 2001, p.115

CITIES
More than 100,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Savannah	Athens-Clarke Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Macon-Bibb Sandy Springs Savannah South Fulton	Candidate must receive majority vote to be elected or nominated	21-2-501(e) Ga. L. 2005, p. 253

CITIES
100,000 or more except city-county
consolidated government

2010 Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta Savannah	Atlanta Sandy Springs Savannah South Fulton	Right to remove trespassing vehicle from parking area or vacant lot in certain circumstances	44-1-13(c) Ga. L. 2012, p. 580

CITIES
100,000 - 135,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke Sandy Springs South Fulton	Contracts relating to railroad overpasses and underpasses binding upon successor governing authority	36-30-3(b) Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

CITIES
70,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Albany Athens-Clarke Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Johns Creek Macon-Bibb Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah	Athens-Clarke Atlanta Augusta-Richmond Columbus-Muscogee Johns Creek Macon-Bibb Roswell Sandy Springs Savannah South Fulton Warner Robins	Defines "peace officer" to include wardens or guards in city correctional institutions of specified population for purposes of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund	47-17-1(5)(B) Ga. L. 1989, p. 228

CITIES
50,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Albany	Albany	Defines "Standard Metropolitan Area" for purposes of Department of Transportation	32-2-3(a)(4) Ga. L. 1973, p. 947
Alpharetta	Alpharetta		
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke		
Atlanta	Atlanta		
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Columbus-Muscogee	Brookhaven		
Johns Creek	Columbus-Muscogee		
Macon-Bibb	Dunwoody		
Marietta	Johns Creek		
Roswell	Macon-Bibb		
Sandy Springs	Marietta		
Savannah	Roswell		
Smyrna	Sandy Springs		
Valdosta	Savannah		
Warner Robins	Smyrna		
	South Fulton		
	Stonecrest		
	Valdosta		
	Warner Robins		
{Same cities as above}	{Same cities as above}	Surplus line insurance	33-5-20.1(1.1)(B)(v) Ga. L. 2011, 449.

CITIES
50,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Subject	Citation
{same cities as p. 80}	{same cities as p. 80}	PEG access channels 36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga.L. 2007, p. 719

CITIES
45,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Albany	Albany	Governing authority shall adopt state minimum fire safety standards	25-2-12(a)(1) Ga. L. 1982, p. 479 (see also p. 55)
Alpharetta	Alpharetta		
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke		
Atlanta	Atlanta		
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Columbus-Muscogee	Brookhaven		
Dunwoody	Columbus-Muscogee		
Johns Creek	Dunwoody		
Macon-Bibb	Johns Creek		
Marietta	Macon-Bibb		
Roswell	Marietta		
Sandy Springs	Roswell		
Savannah	Sandy Springs		
Smyrna	Savannah		
Valdosta	Smyrna		
Warner Robins	South Fulton		
	Stonecrest		
	Valdosta		
	Warner Robins		

CITIES
Greater than 43,617

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Albany	Albany	Defines "metropolitan area" for purposes of Transit Authority Act August 20, 2002	32-9-9(c) Ga. L. 1960, p. 1025
Alpharetta	Alpharetta		
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke		
Atlanta	Atlanta		
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Columbus-Muscogee	Brookhaven		
Dunwoody	Columbus-Muscogee		
Johns Creek	Dunwoody		
Macon-Bibb	Johns Creek		
Marietta	Macon-Bibb		
Roswell	Marietta		
Sandy Springs	Roswell		
Savannah	Sandy Springs		
Smyrna	Savannah		
Valdosta	Smyrna		
Warner Robins	South Fulton		
	Stonecrest		
	Valdosta		
	Warner Robins		

CITIES
40,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Albany	Albany	Reapportionment of election districts	36-35-4.1(e) Ga. L. 1997, p. 864
Alpharetta	Alpharetta		
Athens-Clarke	Athens-Clarke		
Atlanta	Atlanta		
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond		
Columbus-Muscogee	Brookhaven		
Dunwoody	Columbus-Muscogee		
Johns Creek	Dunwoody		
Macon-Bibb	Gainesville		
Marietta	Johns Creek		
Roswell	Macon-Bibb		
Sandy Springs	Marietta		
Savannah	Milton		
Smyrna	Newnan		
Valdosta	Peachtree Corners		
Warner Robins	Roswell		
	Sandy Springs		
	Savannah		
	Smyrna		
	South Fulton		
	Stonecrest		
	Valdosta		
	Warner Robins		

CITIES
20,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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CITIES

20,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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CITIES

20,000 or more, continued

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CITIES
15,000 or more

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CITIES

15,000 or more, continued

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15,000 or more, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
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More than 1,000,000
Standard Metropolitan
Statistical Area located
wholly within Georgia

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	SMSA 2020 census data unavailable	Defines "areas" subject to Metropolitan River Protection Act	12-5-441(2) Ga. L. 1983, p. 1059

More than 1,000,000
Standard Metropolitan
Statistical Area located
wholly within Georgia, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	SMSA 2020 census data unavailable	Subject to Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission, Code Sections 50-8-80 through 50-8-103	50-8-81 Ga. L. 1989, p. 1317

More than 1,000,000
Standard Metropolitan
Statistical Area located
wholly within Georgia, continued

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	SMSA 2020 census data unavailable	Creation of Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission	50-8-82 Ga. L. 1982, p. 2107

Counties of more than 150,000 in
Metropolitan Statistical Area of
260,000 - 360,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2000 census data unavailable	SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	Right of county governing authority to reject bids	36-10-2.2 Ga. L. 1988, p. 989

Counties of with more than 100,000
in Metropolitan Statistical Area of
250,000 - 1,000,000 and
cities within such counties

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	SMSA 2020 census data unavailable	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(i) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1487

Counties of more than 100,000 in
Metropolitan Statistical Area of
200,000 -230,000

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
SMSA 2010 census data unavailable	SMSA 2020 census data unavailable	Merger of county probation system into state system	42-8-43.2(a) Ga. L. 1987, p. 1319

MISCELLANEOUS
Cities within county of
500,000 to 600,000

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
None	None	Rezoning of annexed land	Ga. L. 1971, p. 4114 Ga. L. 1992, p. 2342

MISCELLANEOUS

City of 350,000 or more located
in county of 800,000 or more

<u>2010 Census Application</u>	<u>2020 Census Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Atlanta	Atlanta	Interest for delinquent ad valorem taxes	48-5-24(c)(1) Ga. L. 2002, p. 1473

MISCELLANEOUS
County containing the smaller portion of the
population of a city of 350,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
DeKalb County	DeKalb County	Annual meeting between governing authority of county and city re services for part of city lying in county	36-60-10(a) Ga. L. 1991, p. 989

MISCELLANEOUS
Cities within county of 300,000 or more

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett	Building permits; copies to be sent to tax assessors; applies only to joint city-county board of tax Assessors. Applies ONLY to cities with a building permit ordinance.	Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 2813

MISCELLANEOUS
City of more than 250,000 or
county in which major part of
such city located

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Atlanta Fulton	Atlanta Fulton Augusta-Richmond Macon-Bibb	City or county condemnor to acquire fee simple title upon payment	22-2-85 Ga. L. 1975, p. 1148

MISCELLANEOUS
Counties of 160,000 or more
and all cities within such counties

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(l) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1487
Chatham	Chatham		
Cherokee	Cherokee		
Clayton	Clayton		
Cobb	Cobb		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
DeKalb	DeKalb		
Forsyth	Forsyth		
Fulton	Fulton		
Gwinnett	Gwinnett		
Hall	Hall		
Henry	Henry		
	Houston		
	Macon-Bibb		
	Paulding		

MISCELLANEOUS
Counties of 100,000 - 150,000 and
all cities within such counties

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Athens-Clarke Bartow Carroll Columbia Coweta Douglas Fayette Houston Lowndes Paulding Whitfield	Athens-Clarke Bartow Carroll Coweta Douglas Fayette Lowndes Newton Whitfield	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(e) Ga. L. 1989, p.1487

MISCELLANEOUS
Counties of 62,450 - 64,000 and
all cities within such counties

<u>2010 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>2020 Census</u> <u>Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Catoosa Liberty	None	Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages	3-3-7(h) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2929

MISCELLANEOUS
Counties of 50,000 - 53,000 and
all cities in such counties

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
Camden Effingham	None	Licenses to sell alcohol by the drink	3-4-90(b)(2) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2929

MISCELLANEOUS
Certain counties of 36,800 - 36,990 and
certain cities in such counties

2010 Census Application	2020 Census Application	Subject	Citation
None	Murray	Alcohol licenses for private clubs	3-7-43(b) Ga. L. 1984, p. 22 Declared unconstitutional. <i>Regency Club v. Stuckey</i> , 253 Ga. 583 (1984).

MISCELLANEOUS

More than 70 % of the County's population

Resides on tax exempt US property

<u>2010 Census</u>	<u>2020 Census</u>		
<u>Possible Application</u>	<u>Possible Application</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Minimum salary of judge of probate court	15-9-63(b) Ga. L. 2012, p.446
Berrien	Berrien		
Bryan	Bryan		
Camden	Camden		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Dougherty	Dougherty		
Lanier	Lanier		
Liberty	Liberty		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Worth	Worth		
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Minimum salary of judge of magistrate court	15-10-23(a)(2) Ga. L. 2012, p.446
Berrien	Berrien		
Bryan	Bryan		
Camden	Camden		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Dougherty	Dougherty		
Lanier	Lanier		
Liberty	Liberty		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Worth	Worth		

MISCELLANEOUS

More than 50 % of the County's population

Resides on tax exempt US property

2010 Census Possible Application	2020 Census Possible Application	Subject	Citation
Augusta-Richmond	Augusta-Richmond	Minimum salary of Tax commissioner	48-5-183(c) Ga. L. 2012, p.446
Berrien	Berrien		
Bryan	Bryan		
Camden	Camden		
Columbus-Muscogee	Columbus-Muscogee		
Dougherty	Dougherty		
Lanier	Lanier		
Liberty	Liberty		
Lowndes	Lowndes		
Worth	Worth		

BROADLY FOCUSED STATUTES - COUNTIES

Bracket	Subject	Citation
400,000 or less	Taxicab self-insurers	33-34-5.1(a)(3)(G) [formerly 40-9-101] Ga. L. 2010, p. 100
Less than 200,000	Minimum capital stock for bank	7-1-410(b) Ga. L. 1989, p. 1211
180,000 or more	Magistrate serving as permanent assistant judge	15-1-9.1(b)(2)(E) Ga. L. 1998, p. 268
More than 100,000	90 days for judge to decide motions	15-6-21(b) Ga. L. 1916, p. 50
100,00 or more	Legal organ requirements	9-13-142(a)(4)(C) Ga. L. 1999, p. 6
Less than 100,000	30 days for judge to decide motions	15-6-21(a) Ga. L. 1916, p. 50
Less than 100,00 but at least 20,000	Legal organ requirements	9-3-142(a)(4)(B) Ga. L. 1999, p. 6
More than 50,000	Defines "Urban County" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(13) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
More than 50,000	Community service boards	37-2-6(b)(1)(A)(ii) Ga. L. 2014, p. 309
More than 50,000	Regional planning boards	37-2-5(b)(2) Ga. L. 2009, p. 453

BROADLY FOCUSED STATUTES - COUNTIES, continued

<u>Bracket</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Citation</u>
50,000 or more	Collection of intangible taxes	48-6-60(l) Ga. L. 1998, p. 1656
50,000 or more	Hospital authorities	31-7-72(e) Ga. L. 1994, p. 781
50,000 or more	Speed limits in urbanized areas	40-6-181(b)(2) & (3) Ga. L. 2014, p. 851
50,000 or more	High tech data center minimum investment threshold	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(l) Ga. L. 2022, p. 655
50,000 or more	PEG access channels	36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga. L. 2007, p. 719
50,000 or more	Health care services and facilities	31-6-2(38) Ga. L. 2018, p. 132
50,000 or less	Defines "collecting officer" for purposes of intangible recording tax	48-6-60(i) Ga. L. 1998, p. 1656
50,000 or less	Additional court facilities	15-6-18 Ga. L. 2012, p. 994
50,000 or less	Community service boards	37-2-6(b)(1)(A)(i) Ga. L. 2014, p. 309
50,000 or less	Regional planning boards	37-2-5(b)(1) Ga. L. 2009, p. 453
50,000 or less	Hospital authority project location	31-7-89.1(d) Ga. L. 1999, p. 850

BROADLY FOCUSED STATUTES - COUNTIES, continued

Bracket	Subject	Citation
50,000 or less	PEG access channels	36-76-8(b)(1)&(5) Ga. L. 2007, p. 719
Less than 50,000	Rural hospital assistance	31-7-94.1(c)(2) Ga. L. 2017, p.411
Less than 50,000	Rural hospital organizations eligible for tax credits	31-8-9.1 Ga. L. 2019, p. 183
Less than 50,000	Geographic distribution of new qualified mortgage bonds	50-26-17(c) Ga. L. 1991, p.1653
Less than 50,000	Health care services and facilities	31-6-2(32) Ga. L. 2018, p. 132
Less than 50,000	Income tax credits, 48-7-40.17(a)(6); 48-7-40.2(a)(7); 48-7-40.3(a)(7)	Ga. L. 2019, p.661
45,000 or more	Tax commissioner minimum salary	48-5-138(a) Ga. L. 2012, p. 446
Less than 45,000	Hospital author indigency standard	31-7-75.1(d)(3)(D) Ga. L. 2020, p. 221
35,000 or less	Veterinary students, rural counties	20-3-3518.4(a)(2) Ga. L. 2011, p. 333
35,000 or less	Joint hospital authorities	31-7-72(d) Ga. L. 1998, p. 900

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Less than 35,000	Joint hospital authorities	33-20B-2(8) Ga. L. 1998, p. 900
Less than 35,000	Tax credit for rural areas	33-1-25 Ga. L. 2017, p. 637
30,000 or more	Weekly payment of county tax collections	48-5-141(a) Ga. L. 1986, p. 10
Less than 30,001	High tech data center minimum investment threshold	48-8-3(68.1)(G)(v)(III) Ga. L. 2022, p. 655

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Less than 30,000	Biweekly payment of county tax collections	48-5-141(b) Ga. L. 1986, p. 10
Less than 20,000	Legal organ requirements	9-13-142(a)(4)(A)G a. L. 1999, p. 6
Less than 17,000	Licensing requirements for county surveyors inapplicable	36-7-2(b)(2) Ga. L. 1988, p. 555
Less than 15,000	Revitalization zone status	48-7-40.32 Ga. L. 2017, p. 526
Under 12,000	Ambulance services in such counties not required to have medical adviser	31-11-50(c) Ga. L. 1980, p. 1170
Fewer than 10,000	Closing office of clerk of superior court for lunch	15-6-93(d) Ga. L. 2012, p. 173
Less than 10,000	Minimum size for cemeteries	10-14-10(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 882

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Less than 10,000	Defines owner for Georgia Prompt Pay Act	13-11-2(4) Ga. L. 1995, p. 10
Greater than 1,500	Annual audit for local government units in population brackets or with expenditures of \$300,000.00 or more	36-81-7(a)(1) Ga. L. 2004, p. 585
1,500 or less	Biennial audit of local governments in population bracket	36-81-7(a)(2) Ga. L. 1994, p. 1083

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More than 100,000	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1991, p. 94
More than 50,000	Commercial insurance purchaser	33-5-20.1(1)(C)(i)(V) Ga. L. 2011, p. 449
Less than 45,000	Governing authority may adopt state minimum fire safety standards	25-2-12(b) Ga. L. 1984, p. 1160
20,000 or more & less than 20,000	Firefighter's Mediation Act	25-5-14(a) & (b); 25-5-2(2) Ga. L. 1971, p. 565
Greater than 15,000	Rural telephone coops, limits on property acquisition, etc. in a city	46-5-62(3)(A) & -63(5)(A) Ga. L. 2019, p. 233
15,000 or more	Nuisance jurisdiction for state or municipal court	41-3-13 Ga. L. 1979, p. 1025
10,000 or less	State grants	36-40-24(a)(1) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
Less than 10,000	Cemetery registration	10-14-10(b)(2) Ga. L. 2006, p. 1087
9,000 or more	Service delivery strategy	36-70-25(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 1439
6,000 or less	Full-time dispatcher as full-time jailer	42-4-31(a)(2) Ga. L. 1991, p. 1009

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More than 5,000 but not more than 100,000	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1991, p. 94 part of comprehensive classification
Over 5,000	Board certification required for librarians in public libraries serving such political subdivisions	43-24-4 Ga. L. 1982, p. 1493
5,000 or more	Defines "urban area" for purposes of Department of Transportation	32-2-3(6) Ga. L. 1986, p. 796
5,000 or more	Defines "urban incorporated municipality" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(14) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
5,000 or more and located in a county under 50,000	Defines "urban road" for purposes of Georgia Highway Authority	32-10-1(15)(B) Ga. L. 1985, p. 149
5,000 or more	Defines "urban area" for purposes of regulating outdoor advertising	32-6-71(26) Ga. L. 1977, p. 263
5,000 - 10,000	Additional state grants	36-40-24(a)(3) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
5,000 or less	Codification and publication of municipal code	36-80-19(b)(2) Ga. L. 2000, p. 865
5,000 or less	Mayor of such city authorized to serve simultaneously as coroner	45-16-1(c) Ga. L. 1987, p. 630

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5,000 or less	Referendum on amendment or repeal of charter, ordinances	36-35-3(b)(2)(A) Ga. L. 1966, p. 296 part of comprehensive classification
Under 5,000	Additional grants from state	36-40-24(a)(2) Ga. L. 1967, p. 889
Less than 2,500	Defines "owner" for purposes of Georgia Prompt Pay Act	13-11-2(4) Ga. L. 1995, p. 10
Greater than 1,500	Annual audit when expenditures are \$300,000 or more	36-81-79(a)(1) Ga. L. 2004, p. 585
1500 or less	Service by electric membership corporations	46-3-9(2) Ga. L. 1973, p. 200
1500 or less	Biennial audit of local government	36-81-7(a)(2) Ga. L. 1994, p. 1083
1000 or more	Public health emergency	38-3-3(5)(A) Ga. L. 2018, p. 681
Less than 1000	Public health emergency	38-3-3(5)(B) Ga. L. 2018, p. 681
600 or more	Defines "municipal corporation" for purposes of street improvements	36-39-1(4) Ga. L. 1927, p. 321

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More than 500	State grants	36-40-44(a)(2) Ga. L. 1973, p. 524
500 or less	State grants	36-40-44(a)(1) Ga. L. 1973, p. 524
200 or more	Defines "municipal corporation" for purposes of unincorporated island annexation	36-36-90(2) Ga. L. 1992, p. 2592
200 or more	Defines "municipal corporation" for purposes of 60% annexation method	36-36-30 Ga. L. 1966, p. 409
65 persons per square mile or less	income tax credit for rural physicians	48-7-29(a)(1) Ga. L. 1995, p. 960

