



IMPORTANT BILLS TO DISCUSS WITH LEGISLATORS

2025 ACCG Policy Agenda Items

HB 137 – Public Works Bidding Threshold: by Rep. Victor Anderson, raises the public works bidding threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 155 – Annexation Arbitration Dispute Panel Process Revisions: by Rep. Victor Anderson, revises Georgia’s annexation arbitration process by making it easier for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to appoint arbitration panels. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 423 – Next Generation 911 Implementation and Oversight: by Rep. Will Wade, implements Next Generation 911 services, revises definitions, and updates the responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) to oversee and enforce standards for a statewide NG911 network. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 179 – Digitize Court Reporting: by Rep. Tyler Smith, authorizes the use of digital recording for certain court proceedings across multiple types of trials and hearings, including felony cases and civil cases in superior courts. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 92 – House Bill 581 (2024) Cleanup: by Rep. Shaw Blackmon, extends the HB 581 (2024) opt-out deadline, adds a five-acre limit, and changes the estimated rollback rate. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 164 – Truck Weights Sunset Removal: by Rep. Steven Meeks, removes the sunset date on the increased truck weight limits from HB 189 (2023). **ACCG is neutral on this bill if funding remains in the budget and no substantial changes are made.**

HB 244 – Annual Audit Compliance: by Rep. Chas Cannon, provides relief to counties on their annual audit so they do not lose state grants. **ACCG supports this bill.**

Other Bills of Significance to Counties

HB 152 – Qualified-Based Selection (QBS) Mandate: by Rep. Matt Reeves, and **SB 51**, by Sen. Ed Setzler, mandate local governments use qualified-based selection (QBS) to hire professional services from architects, interior designers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and engineers. **ACCG opposes these bills.**

Speed Zone Speed Detection Device Bills:

- **SB 75** – by Sen. Max Burns, establishes new standards for warning signs indicating reduced speed limits and modifies exceptions for when speed detection devices can be used. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**
- **SB 172** – by Sen. Derek Mallow, eliminates the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices for issuing speeding violations in school zones. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**
- **HB 225** – by Rep. Dale Washburn, eliminates the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices for issuing speeding violations in school zones in Georgia. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**

HB 400 – The CHOICE Act: by Rep. Spencer Frye, gives preferential treatment for all DCA and Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) grants and loans to cities and counties that adopt prescribed zoning and density measures. **ACCG opposes this bill.**

HB 138 – New City Creation Sets Dangerous SDS Precedent: by Sen. Clint Dixon, sets a dangerous precedent for existing and new cities to pursue statewide by changing many Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) provisions in favor of new cities. Any violation by the county waives its sovereign immunity, and the official immunity of all county officers, for all claims for one year. **ACCG opposes this bill.**

HB 75 – Court Order Requirement for Animal Euthanization: by Rep. Jordan Ridley, holds animal shelters liable for damages of up to \$5,000 if an animal is harmed. It also requires shelters to get a court order and veterinarian assessment before euthanizing animals. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**

HB 85 – Superior Court Judge Compensation Reform: by Rep. Rob Leverett, modifies the compensation structure for Georgia's superior court judges. The act eliminates most county salary supplements but allows for "locality pay" as an alternative, with limits on the amount counties can contribute. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 374 – Housing Management Database: by Rep. Martin Momtahan, authorizes local governments to establish, through ordinance or resolution, a housing management database to keep track of investor-owned housing within their jurisdiction. **ACCG supports this bill.**

HB 295 – Local Government Compensation to Property Owners: by Rep. Houston Gaines, mandates that local governments compensate property owners for actions affecting their property value under certain conditions. The sovereign immunity of the local government is waived for any violation. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**

SB 21 – Sovereign Immunity Waiver for Immigration Violations: by Sen. Blake Tillery waives the sovereign immunity of local governments and their officials for immigration sanctuary and jail detainer infractions. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**

SB 64 – Unmanned Aircraft Procurement Prohibition: by Sen. Clint Dixon, prohibits counties from using drones made in China after Jan. 1, 2026. **ACCG is negotiating this bill.**