



Synopsis of Amendments Regarding the Annexation Arbitration Process (HB 155)

Georgia local governments are provided the opportunity for non-judicial settlement of annexation conflicts via an arbitration process provided by O.C.G.A. § 36-36-110, et seq.

During the 2024-2025 regular session, [HB 155](#) amended the statute regulating the annexation arbitration process. In this amendment, the annexation arbitration panel appointment process was updated. Additionally, the Department seeks revisions to clarify the existing procedures applicable to the arbitration process.

To address this, the Department will amend the administrative procedures, Chapter 110-12-8.

Full text of the proposed rules can be found on DCA's website at:

<https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/governing-statutes-regulations-and-guidance>.

Proposed Amendments	
This section contains definitions. The definitions for 'Days' and 'Verification' were revised. A definition was added for 'Business Days'.	Section 110-12-8-.02
This section contains information on the annexation arbitration process. Amendments include clarifying the petition requirements for annexation arbitration and the process, including revisions to the timeline for the appointment of a panel and the panelist pools.	Section 110-12-8-.03
This section contains compliance information. Local government compliance as it relates to participation in the arbitration process was clarified.	Section 110-12-8-.04

