



Housing and Community Development Legislative Tracking Report February 15, 2016

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- We feel that of legislation proposed, that listed in Table 1 is of particular interest to Housing Georgia members
- Table 2 offers a more complete list of legislation of interest related to housing and community development
- More detailed information, and links to the actual bills, is provided beginning on page 4
- Contact your house and senate representative and lift your voice

Table 1

HB836	Sales and use tax; property used in renovation and rehabilitation of affordable housing; provide exemption <i>(Offered by Habitat for Humanity supporter to exclude from sales tax all material used in building affordable housing by 501c3 non-profits.)</i>
HB221	Ad valorem tax; property; change certain definitions <i>(Would exclude consideration of regular properties in establishing FMV of tax credit properties.)</i>
HB653	Taxation; transfer certain executions to a person authorized by the delinquent taxpayer; allow <i>(Would allow a delinquent taxpayer to assign their tax lien to a private company who would then hold the lien. The bill was heard in a House Ways & Means Subcommittee two weeks ago and received many expressions of concern. Professor Frank Alexander of Emory said homeowner losing their homes when they could not repay the delinquent tax debt would prove disastrous, and would become routine. The Georgia Association of Tax Officials were concerned about the priority of the liens and what would happen in subsequent years.)</i>
HB938	Tax; maintenance of the property so sold; provide <i>(Would make the purchaser of a property at a tax sale responsible for maintaining the property in accordance with all local laws and ordinances and in a state of good repair during the period from the sale through the end of the right of redemption period. Would allow recover of reasonable costs incurred if the property is redeemed by the owner as part of the costs of redemption)</i>
HB809	Ad valorem tax; certain housing furnished by a nonprofit organization to physically disabled persons; provide exemption <i>(Adds physically disabled residents to the current laws which allows the property of any nonprofit home for the mentally disabled to be exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes. Property owners must be both a 501(c) (3) and a state certified non-profit. Does not include property held primarily for investment purposes or used for purposes unrelated to the providing of residential or health care)</i>
HB773	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; outstanding bond limit; increase <i>(Would increase GHFA bonding limit for its single family residential housing program from \$1.3 billion to \$5 billion, excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.)</i>



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Sales Taxes

HB 346	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, collection, and assessment of sales and use tax, so as to change the manner and method of imposing and collecting such tax on certain manufactured single-family structures; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Dominic LaRiccia , 169 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/18/2015 - House Second Readers

HB 809	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to provide an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain housing furnished by a nonprofit organization to physically disabled persons; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Spencer Frye , 118 th	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/26/2016 - House Second Readers

HB 836	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide a new exemption from state sales and use tax for a limited period of time regarding property used in renovation and rehabilitation of affordable housing; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Amy Carter , 175 th	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/27/2016 - House Second Readers



Property Taxes

HB51	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redemption of property sold for taxes, so as to change provisions relating to the amount payable at redemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Tommy Benton , 31 st	HC: Judiciary	Jan/28/2016 - Senate Read Second Time

HB 221	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Jay Powell , 171 st	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/11/2016 - Senate Recommended

HB766	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to revise a definition to include any spouse; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Beth Beskin , 54 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/09/2016 - House Withdrawn, Recommended



HB912	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for a state Tax Execution Registry; to provide for definitions, limitations, and procedures; to amend Title 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code, so as to include the Tax Execution Registry; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to conform the clerk's duties to the Tax Execution Registry; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Bruce Williamson , 115 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/09/2016 - House Second Readers

HB938	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax sales, so as to provide for maintenance of the property so sold; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Brian Prince , 127 th	HC: Judiciary	Feb/10/2016 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

HB982	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Ron Stephens , 164 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/11/2016 - House First Readers



Housing

HB653	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax executions, so as to allow the transfer of certain executions to a person authorized by the delinquent taxpayer; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
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(1) Don Parsons , 44 th	HC: Ways & Means	Mar/26/2015 - House Second Readers

HB 754	A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) David Ralston , 7 th	HC: Appropriations	Jan/15/2016 - House Second Readers

HB773	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Penny Houston , 170 th	HC: Appropriations	Jan/20/2016 - House Second Readers



HB 894	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Mike Dudgeon , 25 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/08/2016 - House First Readers

HB914	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to provide for requirements for solicitations of services to obtain a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Sam Teasley , 37 th	HC: Judiciary	Feb/09/2016 - House Second Readers

HB921	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Penny Houston , 170 th	HC: Ways & Means	Feb/09/2016 - House Second Readers



HR502	A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from fees or other assessments to the public purpose for which such fees or other assessments were imposed; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
1) Andrew Welch , 110 th	HC: Ways & Means	Mar/02/2015 - House Second Readers

HR 1051	A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may provide by law for townships for the limited purposes of exercising the power of zoning and the regulation of land use development within the boundaries of such townships and provide for the funding and operation of such townships; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Mike Dudgeon , 25 th	HC: Governmental Affairs	Jan/22/2016 - House Second Readers

SB 323	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for public disclosure not to be required for any documents pertaining to an economic development project by any agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Mike Dugan , 30 th	SC: Economic Development and Tourism	Feb/04/2016 - Senate Read and Referred



SB344	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Michael Williams , 27 th	SC: Finance	Feb/09/2016 - Senate Read and Referred

SR 843	A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Senate and the Georgia Economic Developers Association on their efforts to improve the economic development climate of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.	
Sponsor	Committees	Status
(1) Brandon Beach , 21st	SC:	Jan/28/2016 - Senate Read and Adopted

