



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

January, 17, 2025

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Week 1 (Legislative Days 1-5)

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The 2025 Session, the first year of the new biennium, convened on Monday, January 13, 2025. [SR 6](#), the Adjournment Resolution, was adopted on January 13 with Crossover Day (LD 28) falling on March 6, 2025, and Sine Die (LD 40) on April 4, 2025.

### State of the State

On Thursday, January 16, Governor Brian P. Kemp delivered his seventh State of the State Address to a joint session of the General Assembly. You can watch his annual address in its entirety [HERE](#). A full transcript of his address is available [HERE](#). Additionally, Governor Kemp's Amended Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposals can be viewed [HERE](#).

### Appropriations

Following the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Monday, January 20, the General Assembly will be in recess to hold joint appropriations hearings for the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 (AFY25) and Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budgets. A link to the joint appropriations agenda can be viewed [HERE](#). The proceedings will be streamed [HERE](#) once the meetings are live.

The General Assembly will reconvene on Monday, January 27, 2025, for Legislative Day 6. This report is a compilation of items acted on this week affecting Georgia's judiciary. To view more legislation pertaining to the judiciary as well as bill summaries, please visit [georgiacourts.gov/legislation](http://georgiacourts.gov/legislation).

## **Judicial Council Supported Bills**

### [HB 85 - Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act; enact](#)

House Sponsor: Rep. Rob Leverett (R – Elberton)

A bill that implements the recommendations made in the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Salaries and Supplements (2023). The legislation sets a new compensation structure for superior court judges.

**Action:** House First Read and Assigned to House Judiciary Committee 1/17/25.

### [HB 86 - Public officers and employees; calculating and setting the salaries of certain state officials; revise provisions](#)

House Sponsor: Rep. Rob Leverett (R – Elberton)

A bill that implements the recommendations made in the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Salaries and Supplements (2023). The legislation sets a new compensation structure for justices of the Supreme Court as well as judges of the Court of Appeals, State-wide Business Court, and Georgia Tax Court.

**Action:** House First Read and Assigned to House Judiciary Committee 1/17/25.

**Next Week's Legislative Schedule**

**Monday, January 20, 2025 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, State Holiday**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – No Session**

9 AM	<a href="#">Joint Appropriations</a>	341 CAP
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**Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – No Session**

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**Thursday, January 23, 2025 – No session**

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**Friday, January 24, 2025 – No Meetings Scheduled**

The committee schedule is subject to change at the legislature's discretion. For the most current committee schedule information, please go to [legis.ga.gov/schedule/all](https://legis.ga.gov/schedule/all).