

Legislative Update

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2017 Legislative Session Convenes

The House and Senate officially convened on Monday, January 9th for the first day of the 2017 Legislative Session. Members of both Chambers were sworn into office shortly after the session began.

The House elected David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge) as Speaker of the House and also elected Representative Jan Jones (R-Milton) as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle will continue to preside over the Senate. David Shafer (R-Duluth) was elected to serve as President Pro Tempore in the Senate.

Legislative Adjournment Schedule Announced through February 3rd

January 13-22	Recess
January 23	Legislative Day 5
January 24	Legislative Day 6
January 25	Legislative Day 7
January 26	Legislative Day 8
January 27-29	Recess
January 30	Legislative Day 9
January 31	Legislative Day 10
February 1	Legislative Day 11
February 2	Legislative Day 12
February 3	Recess

New House and Senate Committees

The 2017 Legislative Session brings several changes to the membership of Legislative Committees in the General Assembly, including Senator Ellis Black (R-Valdosta) as the new Senate Retirement Committee Chair. Representative Paul Battles (R-Cartersville) will continue to chair the House Retirement Committee.

Please click [here](#) to view a full listing of Senate Retirement Committee members.

Please click [here](#) for a full listing of House Retirement Committee members.

Governor Nathan Deal gives State of the State Address

Governor Nathan Deal gave his seventh State of the State Address as members of the House and Senate convened for a joint session on Wednesday, January 11th, at 11AM. Governor Deal welcomed members to the 2017 Legislative Session and highlighted his proposals for the upcoming year.

To view the full text of the Governor's State of the State Address, click [here](#).

Legislative Log

Monday, January 9 - Tuesday, January 10, 2017

No action was taken on retirement bills.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

SB 10 – Retirement; provide for creditable service for certain military service

This legislation allows an ERS member with at least two years of service to purchase up to three years of creditable service for military service performed on or after 1/1/1990.

SB 10 was assigned to the Senate Retirement Committee.

Thursday, January 12, 2017

No action was taken on retirement bills.

Friday, January 13, 2017

No action was taken on retirement bills due to the General Assembly being in recess.