

Legislative Update

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2019 Legislative Session Convenes

The House and Senate officially convened on Monday, January 14th for the first day of the 2019 Legislative Session. The day was filled with official activities, such as the swearing-in of Governor Brian Kemp and Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan, as well as members of the House and Senate, which included 40 newly elected members.

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 Geoff Duncan will preside over the Senate. Butch Miller (R-Gainesville) was elected to serve as President Pro Tempore the Senate.

Legislative Adjournment Schedule Announced through February 8th

January 18 - 27	Recess
January 28	Legislative Day 5
January 29	Legislative Day 6
January 30	Legislative Day 7
January 31 - February 4	Recess
February 5	Legislative Day 8
February 6	Legislative Day 9
February 7	Legislative Day 10
February 8	Legislative Day 11

Governor Brian Kemp gives State of the State Address

Governor Brian Kemp gave his first State of the State Address as members of the House and Senate convened for a joint session on Thursday, January 17th, at 11AM. Governor Kemp welcomed members to the 2019 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](#).

New House and Senate Committees

The 2019 Legislative Session brings several changes to the membership of Legislative Committees in the General Assembly. Representative Tommy Benton (R- Jefferson) will now Chair the House Retirement Committee. Senator Ellis Black (R-Valdosta) will continue to serve as the Senate Retirement Committee Chair.

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

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

Legislative Log

Monday, January 14 - Friday, January 18, 2019

No action was taken on retirement bills.