

RULES OF THE FULTON COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION  
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ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Membership. The membership of the Fulton County House Delegation (the “Delegation”) in the Georgia House of Representatives shall consist of the duly elected Representatives whose geographic districts contain any portion of Fulton County, Georgia.

Section 2: Officers. The Officers of the Delegation shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, who shall be elected by roll call vote from the membership at the organizational meeting. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Delegation. The Chairman shall sign the certification that legislation has been considered in conformity with the rules of the Fulton County House Delegation. The Vice-Chairman shall preside at all duly called meetings where the Chairman is not in attendance. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Delegation, and serve all notices of the Delegation.

Section 3: Rules of Order. The Delegation shall be governed by the rules adopted and included herein. In the absence of specific rules, the rules of the House shall apply and, in the absence of specific rules in both the Delegation and the House, Robert's Rules of Order Revised will be followed.

Section 4: Voting. Voting on matters other than final passage of legislation and elections shall be by voice vote unless a member of the Delegation requests a roll-call vote. No voting shall occur unless a quorum is present.

Section 5: Rules. The Delegation shall adopt rules at the organizational meeting held during the first week of each term of the General Assembly. The rules shall be adopted by a vote of a majority of the Delegation. Each member shall be provided a copy of the proposed rules at least 48 hours prior to the organizational meeting. The foregoing rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Delegation. No amendments shall be acted upon until each member of the Delegation shall have been presented a copy of the proposed amendment in writing at least 48 hours prior to the time he is called upon to vote on same.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

Section 1: Notice. Meetings of the Delegation shall be upon the call of the Chairman or upon the request of a majority of the members of the delegation. When the General Assembly is not in session, notice of meetings shall be issued two days prior to the date of the meeting. When the General Assembly is in session, notice of meetings shall be issued no less than two hours prior to the time of the meeting,

Section 2: Quorum. The presence of a majority of the members of the Delegation in person shall constitute a quorum in the presence of the Chairman.

Section 3: Open Meetings. All meetings of the Delegation or any committee thereof shall be open to the public.

### ARTICLE III

#### LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

Section 1: Official Requests for Legislation by Governmental Bodies. Legislative requests of a governmental body within Fulton County must be presented to the Delegation and be accompanied by a resolution of the governmental body by the last Monday in January of each legislative session. A fiscal note must be made available for all salary and pension legislation prior to any consideration by the Delegation.

Section 2: Procedure for Local Legislation.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the Delegation Secretary to obtain the bill number of each local bill or resolution assigned by the Clerk of the House to the Fulton County House Delegation. The Delegation Secretary shall secure a copy for each member and docket the bill for delegation consideration.

(b) The sponsoring member may request a hearing and a vote for passage and solicit the requisite number of signatures for passage.

(c) Upon receiving the local bill with the requisite number of signatures for passage, the Chairman may confirm the signers' affirmative support and may call a meeting of the Delegation for the purpose of final discussion and vote.

(d) Legislative action by the Delegation shall be reported to the House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination. No Fulton County House Delegation local legislation shall be reported by the House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination unless it bears certification by the Chairman of the Fulton County House Delegation that said bill has been considered in conformity with the rules of the Fulton County House Delegation.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring member to insure that the requested local legislation conforms to state laws.

Section 3: Required Signatures on Local Legislation.

(a) As to any municipality, the Atlanta Board of Education School District, or the Fulton County Board of Education School District located within Fulton County, only those Fulton delegates whose districts contain land in said municipality or school district shall sign legislation affecting that municipality or school district. All members of a municipal or school district delegation must sign in order for legislation to pass, unless municipal delegations adopt rules to determine the signature requirements for those political subdivisions as separate legislative delegations.

(b) All members of the Fulton County House Delegation shall be eligible to sign legislation affecting Fulton County. A majority of those delegates eligible to sign must sign in order for any Fulton County legislation to pass.