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13th Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax

On **Thursday, July 17, 2025**, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced the creation of the Georgia Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax.

"Last year alone, nine states cut individual income taxes, and three others cut corporate income taxes. In fact, among southeast states, only South Carolina currently has a higher income tax rate than Georgia. If we wish to remain the number one state for business and keep our state competitive, we must expand on the progress made over the past four years to eliminate Georgia's income tax. It is vital that the Senate lead the effort to continue reducing our reliance on income taxes by examining additional ways to make significant cuts to our income tax rate, while maintaining the fiscal soundness of our state. Eliminating the state income tax is a commitment I have made to the Georgia people, and the work of this committee is a vital step to ensure I deliver on this promise."

The Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax was created by Lt. Governor Jones pursuant to Senate Rules. Its work will commence later this summer, and the committee will stand abolished on December 15, 2025. The following members of the Georgia Senate will serve on this committee:

Senator Blake Tillery (R – Vidalia), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will serve as Chairman
 Senator Jason Anavitarte (R – Dallas), Senate Majority Leader
 Senator Greg Dolezal (R – Cumming), Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee
 Senator Ed Harbison (D – Columbus), Chairman of the Senate Committee on State Institutions and Property
 Senator Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee
 Senator Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonega)
 Senator John Kennedy (R – Macon)
 Senator Nan Orrock (D – Atlanta)
 Senator Michael "Doc" Rhett (D – Marietta)
 Senator Larry Walker (R – Perry) President Pro Tempore Nominee; and
 Senator Sam Watson (R – Moultrie), Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.

DeKalb and Fulton Constituent Services Day: August 26, 2025

On **Tuesday, August 26**, Lt. Governor Burt Jones will be hosting mobile office hours for constituents in DeKalb and Fulton Counties.

Tuesday, August 26

When: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Twin Towers/ East Tower/ DCH Board Room - Room 470-A
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

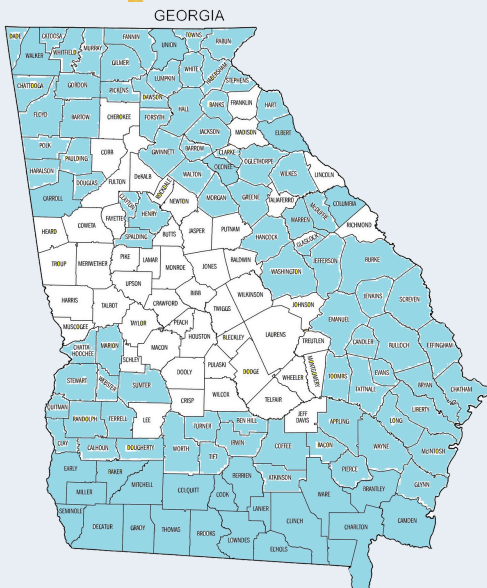
Members of the DeKalb and Fulton County Legislative Delegations, City of Atlanta, DeKalb and Fulton County Representatives, Fulton County Commission Representatives, DeKalb County CEO's Office and several state agencies will be in attendance. State agencies will staff tables for constituent questions and requests.

Agencies who have confirmed their attendance to date are listed below. The list will be updated as new agencies confirm their attendance.

Department of Community Health
Department of Driver Services
Department of Labor
Georgia Public Library Service
Georgia Student Finance Commission
Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA)
State Board of Pardons and Paroles
Georgia Council on Aging
Georgia Council on Literacy



Grady Hospital, a community partner, will be at the meeting to provide a variety of free health checks for constituents. Nurses from Grady will be in attendance to answer questions and share information about Grady Hospital and the services they provide in Atlanta and all of Georgia.



2025 Mobile Office Hours

Each Field Representative will hold weekly mobile office hours throughout their assigned regions and will respond to constituent requests and questions. Community members will be able to contact their designated representative for event and meeting attendance.

Please visit this [dedicated page](#) for contact information for each representative, Georgia's map detailing each region, and a constituent contact form. This page will be updated with future meetings, town halls, and other events held in each region throughout the year.

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Full schedule available by
selecting QR Code above

**Field Reps visited 108 counties as
of July 31 with over 15 office
hours planned for next month.**

Events Around the State

- Lt. Governor Burt Jones and staff members traveled around the state to meet with constituents, hear about their concerns, and also present proclamations to outstanding organizations and Georgia citizens who are making a difference from the north Georgia mountains to the coast.



Lt. Governor Burt Jones delivering the keynote address at the Georgia Hospital Association Annual Conference



Lt. Governor Burt Jones speaking and meeting with attendees at the Georgia Gang Investigators Annual Conference



Lt. Governor Burt Jones attending the Phillip Beard Stadium Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Luke Hetland, Field Representative, Presenting a Proclamation for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Four Points Preparatory Academy



T.J. Hudson, Field Representative, met with staff and leadership at the Amazon Disaster Relief Distribution Center



T.J. Hudson with the Turner County Clerk of Court during Mobile Office Hours