

# Georgia Government

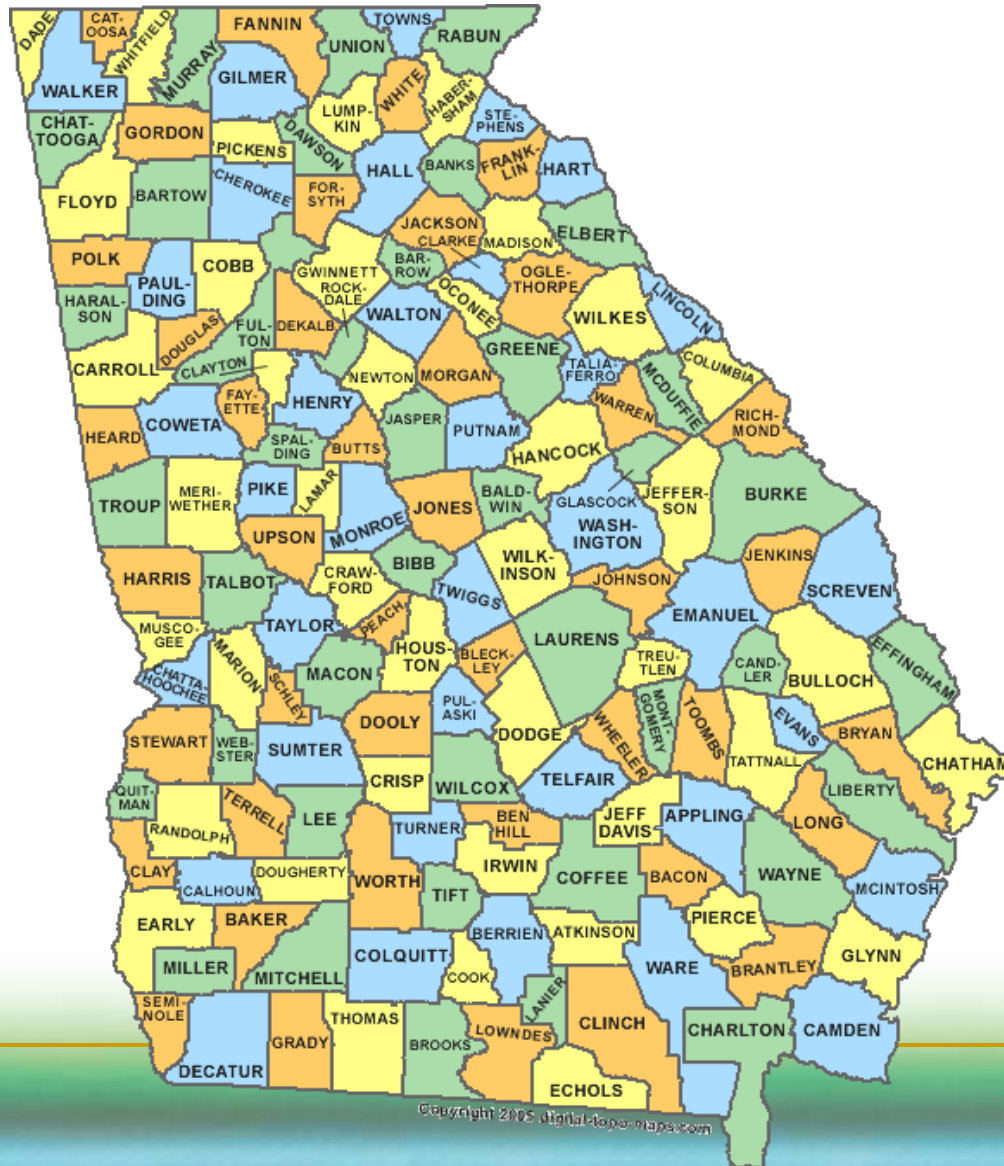
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# State Information

- Georgia Government
  - 159 county governments
  - 180 school systems
  - Over 400 Cities
- Dillon's Rule
- Home rule

# Georgia Counties



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# State Constitution

- Current Constitution
  - Ratified in 1982 and implemented in 1983
  - New provisions to Constitution
    - Consolidate expansive court system
    - Greater implementation of home rule

# Executive Branch

- Governor
  - Role
  - Qualifications
  - Terms
- Lt. Governor
  - Role
  - Qualifications
- Plural Executive
  - Implications

# Legislative Branch

- Georgia General Assembly
  - Bicameral
  - All serve 2 year terms
  - Part-time legislature
    - 40 working days
    - Salary
    - Implications

# Legislative Branch

## ■ Senate

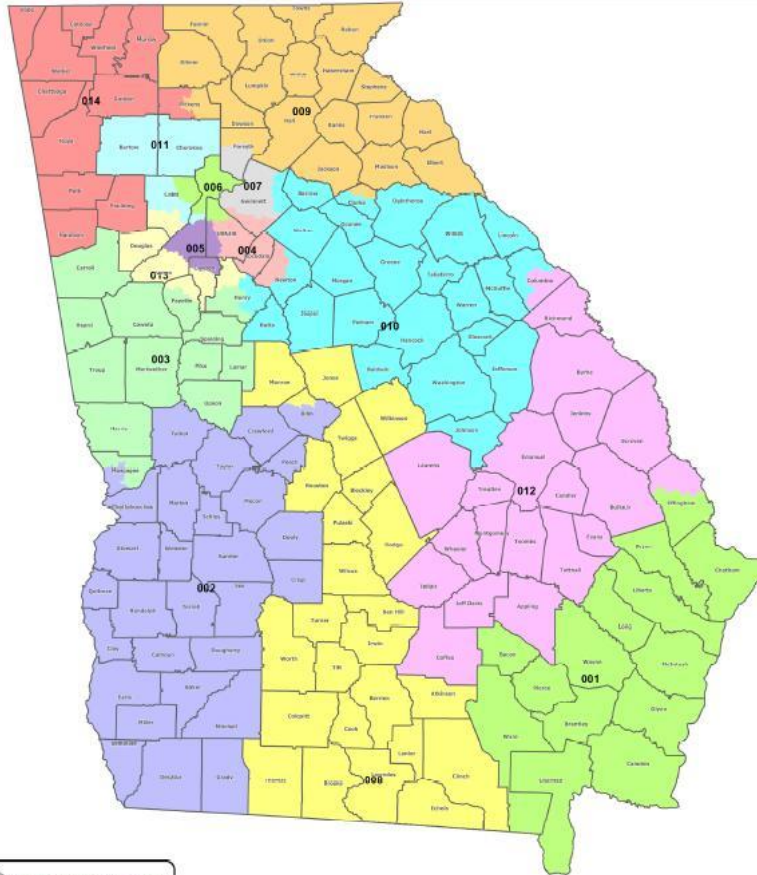
- ❑ 56 members
- ❑ Qualifications
- ❑ Powers

## ■ House

- ❑ 180 members
- ❑ Qualifications
- ❑ Powers

# Legislative Branch

- Important Role of State Legislature
  - Drawing Federal Congressional Districts



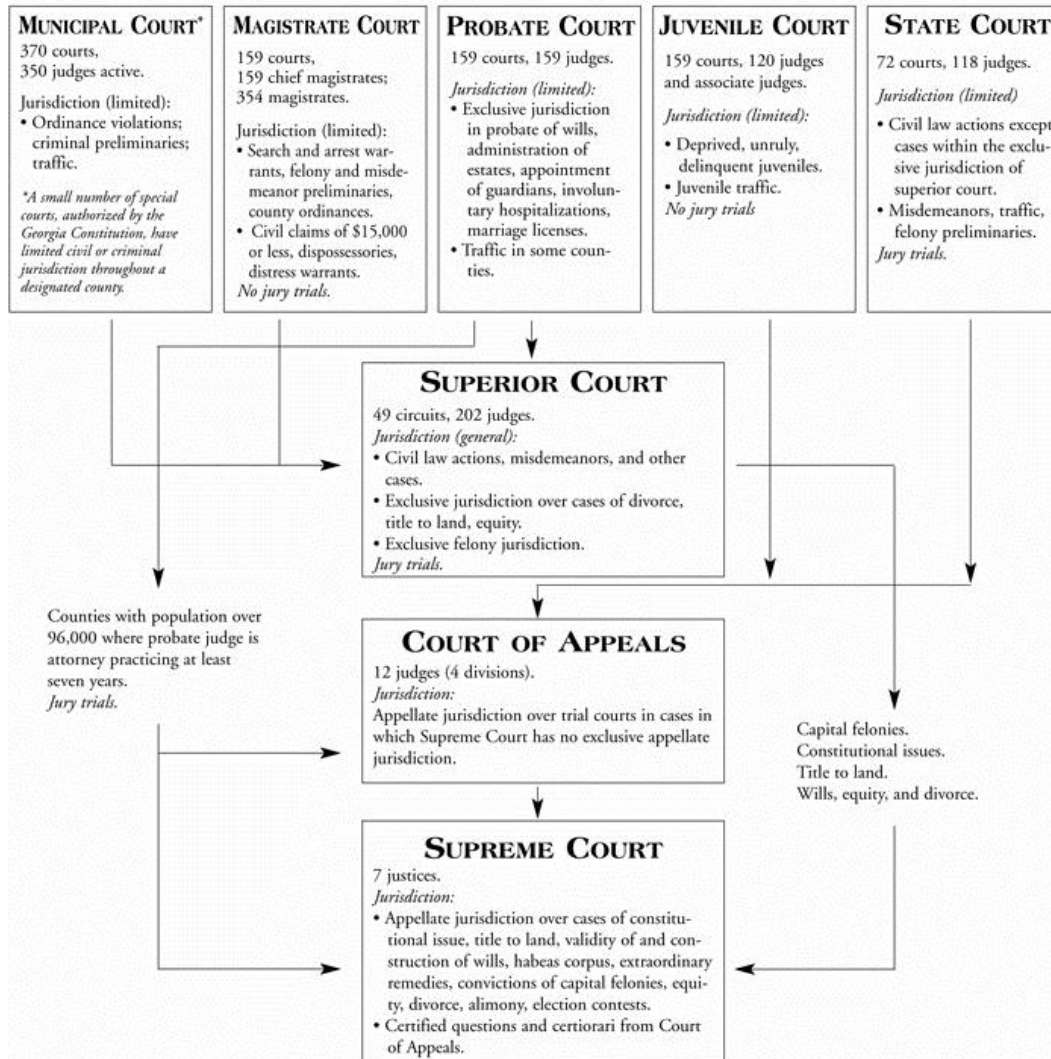


# Judicial Branch



- Classes of courts
  - Limited Jurisdiction
    - Magistrate, Probate, State, Juvenile, Municipal
  - General Jurisdiction
    - Superior
  - Appellate Jurisdiction
    - Court of Appeals, Supreme Court
- Selection of State Judges

# The Georgia Court System



As of July 2007.