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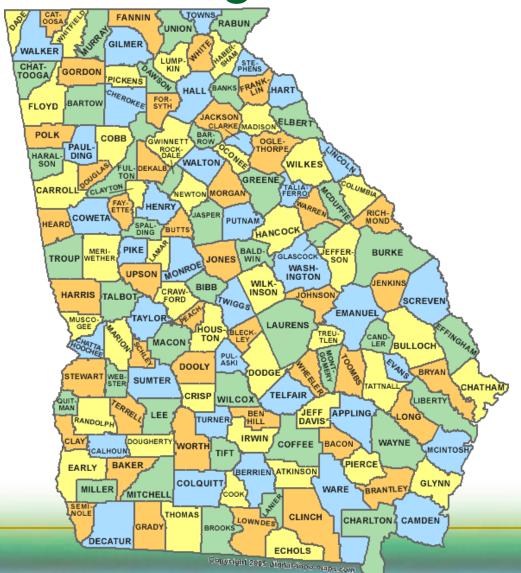
Georgia Government

POLS 1101- GA History and Constitution

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



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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

MUNICIPAL COURT'

370 courts, 350 judges active.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- Ordinance violations; criminal preliminaries; traffic.
- *A small number of special courts, authorized by the Georgia Constitution, have limited civil or criminal jurisdiction throughout a designated county.

MAGISTRATE COURT

159 courts. 159 chief magistrates; 354 magistrates.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- · Search and arrest warrants, felony and misdemeanor preliminaries, county ordinances.
- Civil claims of \$15,000 or less, dispossessories, distress warrants. No jury trials.

PROBATE COURT

159 courts, 159 judges.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- · Exclusive jurisdiction in probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians, involuntary hospitalizations, marriage licenses.
- · Traffic in some counties.

JUVENILE COURT

159 courts, 120 judges and associate judges.

Jurisdiction (limited):

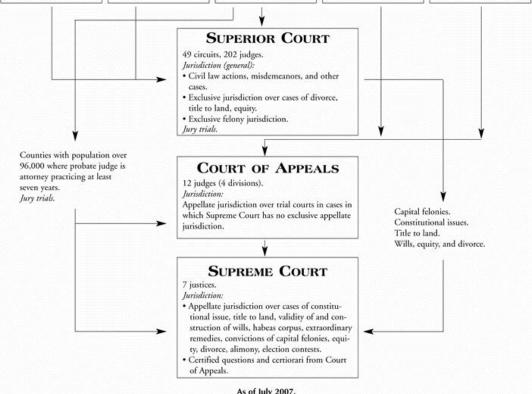
- · Deprived, unruly,
- delinquent juveniles. · Juvenile traffic. No jury trials

STATE COURT

72 courts, 118 judges.

Jurisdiction (limited)

- · Civil law actions except cases within the exclusive jurisdiction of superior court.
- Misdemeanors, traffic, felony preliminaries. Jury trials.



As of July 2007.

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