

## GSNA LEGISLATIVE TIP SHEET

**Who are my legislators?** An excellent source for finding out who your elected officials are is the [Secretary of State My Voter Page](#). To look up legislative districts for your Georgia Senate, Georgia House and U.S. Congress member you must be a registered voter. Enter basic information to log in and to be directed to “My Voter Page.” In a box labeled “Your Elected Officials” there will be links to your state senate and state representative districts. Clicking on the link will take you the Georgia State Senate list of senators or The Georgia House of Representatives list of representatives. Clicking on your district number for each will take you directly to the website for your representative or senator. There you will find contact information, a list of committee assignments and other information. If you are not a registered voter there is a link on the My Voter Page that allows you to submit an application to register.

Information about all legislators including addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are available at [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov).

**Open States** is a free app for your iPhone or iPad that is a wonderful resource and provides most of the information listed on this page. There is also a website – [www.openstates.org](http://www.openstates.org)

**Who is on what committee?** This information is available at [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov). You can find information about committee assignments for individual House and Senate members, or you can look up information by committee.

**When is a committee meeting?** Thanks to the web, it has gotten a lot easier to keep up with most House and Senate committee meetings. Here is a link for [House meetings](#). You can also go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov), click on the House of Representatives link at the top of the page, then on the Meeting Notices link on the left. Here is the link for [Senate meetings](#). You can also go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov), click on the State Senate link at the top of the page, then click on the link at the bottom of the main Senate page for committee meeting schedule. It is highlighted in red.

**For a copy of a bill,** go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) and click on the Legislation link at the top of the page. If you know the bill number, you can easily find the legislation. There is also a search option that allows you to search by legislator name, committee, Georgia Code section, or by using key words.

When you are at the Capitol and the Legislature is in session, you can send a message to a legislator in the House or Senate chamber. Page desks are located outside each chamber and forms are located in the south lobby outside the Senate and the House. Legislators are not always at their desks, so sometimes you must send a message in more than once. If you want to meet with your own legislator, it always helps to call ahead of time and let him or her know that you will be at the Capitol that day. Legislators are more accessible to their own constituents.

**If you need mailing labels or email addresses for legislators,** this information is also now on the web. Here is a link to [House information](#), where you will find an Excel spreadsheet with all House members, office assignments and mailing labels. You can also go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov), click on the House of Representatives link at the top of the page, then click on the Information link on the left side of the page. Here is a link to [Senate mailing lists & labels](#). For additional Senate information, such as Senate Leadership positions, go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov), click on the Senate, then click on the link for Senators at the top of the page. Although in previous years the House and Senate have provided online Picture Books, similar to the printed “White Book” that was available for many years, neither the House nor the Senate provided this online resource in 2017.

**General Assembly Schedule:** In the past, both the House and Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. most days. The House and Senate may begin at an earlier hour in the later weeks of the session. Many legislators keep office hours from about 8:30 a.m. until the House/Senate convene and then again in the afternoon. **The most important thing to remember, though, is that the schedule is set each day and is always subject to change.**

**The 2018 Session will begin on January 8, 2018.**