



Saludos Friend,

Republicans are at it again! Mirroring [SB 202's](#) introduction last year, they rapidly introduced and passed out of committee [HB 1464](#)- an anti-voting omnibus bill. The bill adds additional procedural layers to an already burdened election administration process. Provisions include new restrictions on the number of voting machines on election day, new thresholds for handling absentee ballots, the enabling of unlimited ballot challenges by third parties, and the limiting of funding and donations of food and water to election administrators. Among the most chilling effects of the new legislation are the provisions that would allow the Georgia Bureau of Investigations to have a role in election review. There is a strong chance this bill will get a full floor vote and crossover into the Georgia Senate before Crossover Day, March 15 - with a possible floor vote Monday or Tuesday.

Our coalition members are moving fast to counter this bill! Please call Speaker David Ralston [\(404-656-5020\)](#), and Rules Chair Richard Smith [\(404-656-5141\)](#) NOW to demand they stop this bill!

As a reminder, we are very close to the end of the legislative session, with crossover day next week on March 15th and Sine Die on April 4th!

Crossover Day: Bills must pass out of either legislative chamber to be viable for the current session. Bills that fail to do so are no longer considered during the current session.

Sine Die: This is the term used for the last day of the legislative session. Bills must pass both legislative chambers before being sent to the Governor for signature before the "end of day" on the 40th day.

Please remember that our [legislative priorities for the year](#) are advancing voting, immigrant rights, environmental justice, and championing the inclusion of immigrant provisions in the Build Back Better Plan.

Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to take action!



THE WIN! COLUMN



The GALEO Impact Fund staff and board attended the 2022 GHCC Legislative Breakfast!



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Voting Rights & Administration Bills

SB 325 (Dropbox Ban) | This bill would ban the use of absentee ballot drop boxes statewide.
Status: *The Senate has read and referred this bill to the Senate Ethics Committee.*

HB 933: This bill would remove provisions that keep ballots and documents under seal.
Status: *House Second Readers - Assigned to House Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

HB 886: This bill addresses chain of custody and ballot requirements. Leads to concern about the burdens and costs that counties may incur.
Status: *House Committee favorably reported by substitute.*

SB 350: Procedure updates for Nonpartisan General Elections, including when nonpartisan elections can be held.
Status: *Senate read and referred - Senate Ethics Committee.*

SB 442: Would allow for voters to choose to permanently receive absentee ballots.
Status: *Senate read and referred - Senate Ethics Committee.*

SB 443: This bill would remove the prohibition regarding providing food and drink to people in line to vote at polling places.
Status: *Senate read and referred - Senate Ethics Committee.*

SB 444: This bill would remove any limitation on the number of absentee ballot drop boxes that can be used for elections.
Status: *Senate read and referred - Senate Ethics Committee.*

HB 975: This bill would allow for the creation of a board of elections and the selection and appointment of members to take the place of the judge of the probate court.
Status: *House Second Readers - House Committee on Government Affairs.*

HB 1085: Would create an option for municipalities to adopt and use instate runoff voting.
Status: *House committee favorably reported - House Committee on Government Affairs.*

HB 333: Would revise the powers and duties of the Georgia Government and Transparency and Finance Commission as well as procedures, contribution limits, etc.
Status: *Recommitted to Senate Rules Committee.*

HB 1359: Would make elections administration harder.
Status: *House Second Readers - House Special Committee on Election Integrity.*

SR 363 (Non-citizen Voting Ban) | This resolution would make the state's ban on voting by noncitizens part of the state constitution.
Status: **FAILED IN THE SENATE!**

K-12/Higher Education Bills

HB 932 (In-state Tuition) | This bill would allow non-citizen refugees to utilize in-state pricing for college tuition.
Status: *House Second Readers - House Higher Education Committee.*

HB 888: This is a classroom censorship bill that would ban conversations of race and racism in the classroom and other conversations/engagements around public policy. 20% of annual funds will be cut if these terms are violated.
Status: *House Second Readers - House Education Committee.*

Immigration Bills

SB 448: This bill would allow officers (without warrants) to check one's citizenship status during traffic stops.
Status: *This bill is assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

Redistricting Bills

SB 369: This bill would require that Gwinnett County's school board elections be non-partisan.
Status: *Passed both House and Senate. Signed into law.*

HB 872: This bill revises the district boundaries for the Gwinnett County Board of Education.
Status: *Passed both House and Senate. Signed into law.*

HB 873: This bill revises the district boundaries for the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.
Status: *Passed both House and Senate. Signed into law.*

HB 1028: Draws two Cobb County Board of Education members into the same district and leaves another vacant.
Status: *Passed House and Senate. Signed into law.*

HB 1154: Draws both Cobb County commissioners representing East Cobb into the same district.
Status: *Passed House and Senate. Signed into law.*

CALL TO ACTION!



CALL YOUR SENATOR NOW!

Today, President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. This nomination is a long-overdue step towards a Court that better represents all of us. And it is a significant step towards equal justice for us all.

Now it is time for us to get to work. Call your Senator at [202-224-3121](#) and urge them to confirm Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court.

Judge Jackson is an excellent choice to be a Supreme Court Justice. She would bring brilliance, unquestioned qualifications, and sound judicial temperament to the Supreme Court. Judge Jackson served for over eight years on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and now sits on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. She has an established track record of recognizing equality and justice for all people. Indeed, her record as a judge and lawyer demonstrates that she is a fair, impartial jurist, dedicated to protecting the fundamental rights of all litigants.

We must move to get Judge Jackson confirmed. **Now is the time to take action. Call your Senator at [202-224-3121](#) and urge them to confirm Judge Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.**

The confirmation fight has already begun. Republicans have already claimed that President Biden's nominee would be unfit and less qualified—and conservative groups have pledged more than \$8 million to defeat her confirmation. Now that Judge Jackson has been nominated, they're preparing to attack even harder.

Our courts are our last line of defense. The rulings they issue affect nearly every aspect of our lives. Don't allow Senate Republicans to block a qualified Supreme Court Justice. **We must protect our rights and our democracy.**

It is our job to protect our courts. **Call your senators today at [202-224-3121](#). Tell them to #ConfirmJackson.**

Sample Call Script

My name is [name], and I'm a constituent from [city] calling to ask Senator [X] to support Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Biden's nominee to the Supreme Court. We need a court that reflects the diversity of this country and protects the rights of all of us, not just the wealthy and powerful. By confirming Judge Jackson to the bench we are one step closer to achieving that. She is an eminently qualified jurist who would bring critically important experience to the Supreme Court. I urge Senator [X] to support Judge Jackson for the Supreme Court. Thank you.

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¡Saludos!

At the GALEO Impact Fund, we're building our community's grassroots organizing power to create real transformative change in our state. This week, two cohorts of [El Pueblo Unido Project](#) continued to advance through the program's modules, and we're setting up a third cohort for next week! I'm excited to continue to build community and relationships with this project. Make sure to be a part of this program by signing up today or by helping us share the program within your circles!

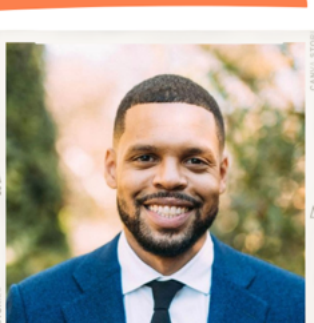
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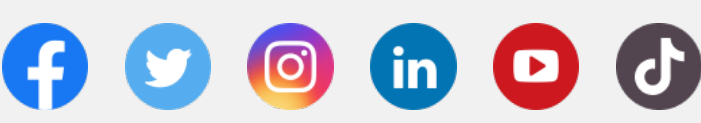
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