

Towns County Herald

Legal Notices for October 31, 2018

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS
IN RE: NOTICE OF USING TRADE NAME
NOTICE OF USING TRADE NAME**
Come now Norman Wesley David and Betsy David and do hereby state, of their own personal knowledge under oath, that they are carrying on a business known as Suubi Appliances, Inc., d/b/a Hiawasse Honey located at 2036 Townsend Mill Road, Young Harris, Towns County, Georgia 30582. (Mail at P.O. Box 4, Young Harris, GA 30582
This 12th day of October, 2018
Norman Wesley David
Beth David
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of Wilma Elnora Sosebee, deceased of Towns County, Hiawasse, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Wilma Elnora Sosebee.
This 5th day of October, 2018
Jean Sosebee Thomas
Executor Estate of Wilma Elnora Sosebee
7582 US Hwy 76, Young Harris, Georgia 30582
Pamela Kendall Floyd, PC
Attorney for Estate
PO Box 1114
Hiawasse, GA 30546
T(0c131,Nov7,14,21)P

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS
RE: ESTATE OF GILBERT M. CICERO**
All creditors of the estate of Gilbert M. Cicero deceased, late of Towns County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 23rd day of October, 2018.
EXECUTOR: Joan Bishop
ADDRESS:c/o Eddy A. Corn, Attorney
253 Big Sky Drive
Hiawasse, GA 30546
PHONE: (706) 896-3451
T(0c131,Nov7,14,21)B

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TOWNS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
HELEN A. MAHONEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2017-30
NOTICE**
[For Discharge from Office and all Liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: All Interested Parties, all and singular the heirs of said Decedent, the beneficiaries under the will and to whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced Petition, in this Court on or before November 12, 2018.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
David Rogers
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Kerry L. Berrong
Clerk of the Probate Court
48 River St. Suite C
Hiawasse, GA 30546
Address
706-896-3467
Telephone Number
T(0c131)B

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TOWNS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
BRYNLEI REESE FAIRWELL, MINOR
ESTATE NO. 2018-71
NOTICE**
Date of second publication, if any November 7, 2018
TO: Christopher Douglas Fairwell
You are hereby notified that Carolyn A. Rowland has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.
NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
David Rogers Judge of the Probate Court
By: Kerry L. Berrong Clerk of the Probate Court
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE
Notice is given that the Articles of Incorporation which will incorporate LAKE CHATUGE TRACTOR, INC., a domestic profit corporation with a mailing address of 1061 Hwy 76 E, Hiawasse, Georgia 30546, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 1061 Hwy 76 E, Hiawasse, Georgia 30546, and its initial registered agent at such address is JAMES STANKEVICH.
PAMELA KENDALL FLOYD, P.C.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1114
Hiawasse, Georgia 30546
T(0c131,Nov7)B

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS
RE: ESTATE OF Arthur Alexander Mott**
All creditors of the estate of Arthur Alexander Mott, deceased, late of Towns County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 26th day of October, 2018.
Doris Mott
1106 Robin Ridge Ln
Hiawasse, GA 30546
706-896-3039
T(0c131,Nov7,14,21)B

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: SUBJECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT
LYNNETTE T. RILEY, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE, STATE OF GEORGIA,
Petitioner,
CIVIL ACTION FILE
NO. 2018CV310020
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
PETITIONER: LYNNETTE T. RILEY, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE, STATE OF GEORGIA
MATTER: IN RE: SUBJECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT
DATE ACTION WAS FILED: September 5, 2018
DATE OF ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION: September 17, 2018
CHARACTER OF ACTION: To all persons (hereinafter, "Respondents") claiming property rights of, title in, and ownership of matured, unredeemed United States savings bonds with purchasers or owners with last known addresses in the State of Georgia ("Georgia Unclaimed U.S. Savings Bonds"): take notice that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-12-237, Petitioner has caused to be filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County a Petition for Declaratory Judgment seeking a judgment declaring property rights to, title in, ownership of, and proceeds from Georgia Unclaimed U.S. Savings Bonds, which are unclaimed property and subject to the provisions of Georgia's Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, are subject to escheat to the State of Georgia with property rights to, title in, ownership of, and proceeds from said bonds vesting in the State of Georgia.
Respondents are hereby notified and commanded to be and appear at the court in which this action is pending within sixty (60) days of the Date of the Order for Service by Publication. Respondents are to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County at the following address: 136 Pryor Street SW, Suite C-155, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for Petitioner, whose name and address is: James B. Manley, Jr., Special Assistant Attorney General, Troutman Sanders LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 600 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2216.
Witness, The Hon. John J. Goger, Fulton County Superior Court Judge.
Cathelene Robinson, ClerkMH
CLERK, FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TOWNS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
TRAVIS GREGORY WALDROUP, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2016-52
NOTICE**
[For Discharge Solely from Office]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: All Interested parties and to whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative, in this Court on or before November 12, 2018.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS**
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Amanda L. Land and Jimmy Land to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Transland Financial Services, Inc. dated September 23, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 306, Page 771, as last modified in Deed Book 579, Page 167, and as affected by that Affidavit recorded at Deed Book 572 page 391, Towns County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$77,900.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, December 4, 2018, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit: (Incorrectly shown in the security deed as: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in parts of Land Lots 162 and 153, of the 17th District, 1st Section, Towns County, Georgia, consisting of 1.0 acre, more or less, and being that part of a tract conveyed to Levena McClure from George McClure as indicated by Warranty Deed recorded in Book Q, Page 529, Towns County, Georgia records. Said part lies between Townsend Mill road and Brassstown Creek and is the remainder of the tract conveyed by said deed after the conveyance of 1/2 acre, more or less, from Luvena McClure to George McClure, Jr.
The property conveyed by this Security Deed includes that General Manufactured Housing, Inc. mobile home, Sizzler III Model #32-7676SiZ, Serial #GMHGA4310128439AB, which has been, or will be permanently affixed to the real property described above. The foregoing manufactured/mobile home, for all intents and purposes, is real property and is considered a permanent fixture and improvement to the land. It is not considered personal property. Being the same lands conveyed unto Jimmy Land by Warranty Deed from Luvena McClure, dated February 2, 1981, filed of record February 21, 1981, in Rook 68, Page 634, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Towns County, Georgia.)
The correct legal description being:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 152, of the 17th District, 1st Section, of Towns County Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING a point located on the Southeastern Right-of-way of Townsend Mill Road, a 50 foot right-of-way, said point being located North 71°40'43" East, and a distance of 12.38 feet from a 24" Poplar Tree; thence leaving said Right-of-way a hearing of North 71°40'43" East, and a distance of 177.48 feet to an Iron Pin Found, a 1/2" Open Top Pipe; thence a bearing of South 26°50'04" East, a distance of 114.88 feet to a 15" Walnut tree; thence a bearing of South 26°50'04" East, a distance of 32.28 feet to a point, located in the centerline of Brassstown Creek; thence running upstream along and with the centerline of said creek a bearing of South 77°53'26" West, a distance of 242.56 feet to a point; thence a bearing of South 72°49'59" West, a distance of 166.49 feet to a point, said point located at the intersection of said creek with a small branch; thence leaving said creek and following the centerline of the said branch, a bearing of North 10°53'27" West, a distance of 20.60 feet to a point, said point located at the intersection of said branch with the Southeastern Right-of-way of Townsend Mill Road; thence along and with said Right-of-way, a bearing of North 57°29'09" East, a distance of 6.92 feet to a point; thence 221.33 feet along a curve, said curve having a chord of North 46°25'51" East 219.96 feet and a radius of 573.56 feet to a point, being the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Said tract contains 0.8749 Acres.
Said property is known as 1838 Townsend Mill Road, Young Harris, GA 30582, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.
The property is or may be in the possession of Amanda Lynn Evans, a/k/a Amanda L. Land and Jimmy Land, a/k/a Jimmy Lee Land, successor in interest or tenant(s).
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Amanda L. Land and Jimmy Land
File no. 08-009068
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*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TOWNS**
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed ("Security Deed") executed by Thomas E. Barnhill and Bonnie J. Barnhill in favor of Citizens South Bank dated August 17, 2012, recorded at Deed Book 518, Pages 412-426 of the Towns County Deed Records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Courthouse of Towns County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in November, that being November 6, 2018, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 259, 18th District, 1st Section of Towns County, Georgia, being Tract 1 (Lot 12, Block A), containing 0.132 acres, more or less, and Tract 2 (Lot 13, Block A), containing 0.156 acres, more or less, of Bald Mountain Park Subdivision as shown on a plat of survey by Northstar Surveying & Mapping, Inc., dated 6/30/05 and recorded at Plat Book 29, Page 204 in Towns County, Georgia Records. Said plat of survey is incorporated herein, by reference hereto, for a full and complete description of the above described property.
The property is conveyed subject to all matters and conditions as shown on above referenced plats of survey.
Also conveyed herewith is the mobile home located on the property as is more particularly described in the Certificate of Permanent Location recorded at Deed Book 513, Page 153, Towns County, Georgia records.
The debt secured by said Security Deed is evidenced by a Note (the "Note") from Thomas E. Barnhill, dated August 17, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$59,600.00, payable, principal and interest from the date thereof shown on said Note on the unpaid balance until paid. Default has occurred in the payment of the debt evidenced by the Note and secured by the Security Deed as a result of the nonpayment of installments owed thereunder. The total balance of said debt has, therefore, been declared due and the Security Deed foreclosable according to its terms.
The debt remaining in default, the property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash as the property of Thomas E. Barnhill and Bonnie J. Barnhill, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), and the lawful expenses of said sale, all as provided in the Note and the Security Deed, said sale to be subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, and restrictions, easements and liens of record with priority over the Security Deed referenced above.
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the property is in the possession of Thomas E. Barnhill and Bonnie J. Barnhill and will be sold as the property of Thomas E. Barnhill and Bonnie J. Barnhill.
The undersigned will execute a deed to the purchaser as authorized in the aforementioned Security Deed.
Thomas E. Barnhill and Bonnie J. Barnhill
By: South State Bank, successor in interest to Park Sterling Bank, successor in interest to Citizens South Bank as Attorney-in-Fact
Hulse, Oliver & Mahar, LLP
P. O. Box 1457
Gainesville, GA 30503
(770) 532-6312
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF TOWNS**
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by JERRY BRADFORD MCFALLS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR ACOPIA, LLC, A CORPORATION, ITS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated 08/17/2012, and Recorded on 08/27/2012 as Book No. 518 and Page No. 706-717, TOWNS County, Georgia records, as last assigned to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$162,610.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the TOWNS County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2018, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 18TH DISTRICT, 1ST SECTION, LAND LOT 145, TOWNS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAING 2.165 ACRES, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 6, CONTAINING 0.993 ACRES, AND LOT 9, CONTAINING 1.172 ACRES OF RAINBOW RIDGE ACRES SUBDIVISION, AND SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY TAMROCK ASSOCIATES, INC., JON G. STUBBLEFIELD, RLS, DATED 11/05/1997 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 55, TOWNS COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE; TOGETHER WITH ALL GRANTOR'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST TO THAT LAND LYING BETWEEN THE AFOREDESCRIBED LOTS AND THE CENTERLINE OF RAINBOW RIDGE ROAD, NO. 2, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR SAID ROAD, SUBJECT TO EASEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS OF SURVEY AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED PLAT. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION may be contacted at: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 3415 VISION DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219, 866-550-5705. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 2304 RAINBOW RIDGE RD, HIWASSEE, GEORGIA 30546 is/are: JERRY BRADFORD MCFALLS or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for JERRY BRADFORD MCFALLS. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 0000007509920 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.
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SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia Constitution, Attorney General Christopher Carr, Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp, and Legislative Counsel Richard C. Ruskell hereby provide the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot for consideration by the people of Georgia (short captions are those adopted by the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board):
- 1 -
Creates the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and parks.
House Resolution No. 238
Resolution Act No. 414
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1138
" () YES () NO
Without increasing the current state sales tax rate, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, up to 80 percent of the existing sales tax collected by sporting goods stores to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"
Summary
This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide for an annual allocation of up to 80 percent of the revenue derived from the state sales and use tax collected by sporting goods stores to a trust fund to be used for the protection and preservation of conservation land. Any law adopted pursuant to this proposal shall provide for automatic repeal not more than ten years after its effective date; however, such repeal date may be extended for a maximum of ten additional years. It amends Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Georgia Constitution by adding a new subparagraph (p). A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
- 2 -
Creates a state-wide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable judicial outcomes.
House Resolution 993
Resolution Act No. 410
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1130
" () YES () NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create a state-wide business court, authorize superior court business court divisions, and allow for the appointment process for state-wide business court judges in order to lower costs, improve the efficiency of all courts, and promote predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes for the benefit of all citizens of this state?"
Summary
This proposal creates a state-wide business court with state-wide jurisdiction for use under certain circumstances. It contains provisions relating to venue, jurisdiction, and powers of such court and provides for selection, terms, and qualifications of state-wide business court judges. It amends Article VI of the Georgia Constitution by revising Sections I, II, III, IV, and VII.
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
- 3 -
Encourages the conservation, sustainability, and longevity of Georgia's working forests through tax subclassification and grants.
House Resolution No. 51
Resolution Act No. 297
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1127
" () YES () NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise provisions related to the subclassification for tax purposes of and the prescribed methodology for establishing the value of forest land conservation use property and related assistance grants, to provide that assistance grants related to forest land conservation use property may be increased by general law for a five-year period and that up to 5 percent of assistance grants may be deducted and retained by the state revenue commissioner to provide for certain state administrative costs, and to provide for the subclassification of qualified timberland property for ad valorem taxation purposes?"
Summary
This proposal revises provisions subclassifying forest land conservation use property for ad valorem taxation purposes. It revises the methodology for establishing the value of forest land conservation use property and related assistance grants. The proposal also permits the subclassification of qualified timberland property for ad valorem taxation purposes. It amends Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution by revising subparagraph (f) and by adding a new subparagraph (f.1).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
-4 -
Provides rights for victims of crime in the judicial process.
Senate Resolution No. 146
Resolution Act No. 467
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1139
" () YES () NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights to victims against whom a crime has allegedly been perpetrated and allow victims to assert such rights?"

Summary
This proposal recognizes certain rights of victims against whom a crime has been perpetrated and provides for the enforcement of such rights. It amends Article I, Section I of the Georgia Constitution by adding a new Paragraph XXX.
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
- 5 -
Authorizes fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts.
Senate Resolution No. 95
Resolution Act No. 278
Ga. L. 2017, p. 857
" () YES () NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a referendum for a sales and use tax for education by a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county and to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution?"
Summary
This proposal authorizes a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county to call for a referendum for a sales and use tax for education and provides that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution. It amends Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution by revising subparagraphs (a) and (g).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS
Pursuant to Code Section 21-2-4 of the O.C.G.A., the Secretary of State is authorized to include with the summaries of proposed constitutional amendments summaries of any state-wide referendum questions to be voted on at the same general election:
- A -
Provides for a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations.
House Bill No. 820
Act No. 346
Ga. L. 2018, p. 235
" () YES () NO
Do you approve a new homestead exemption in a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system, from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and the adjusted base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by 2.6 percent?"
Summary
This proposal authorizes a new homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year value of such homestead. This exemption would only apply to persons residing in a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system. It enacts Code Section 48-5-44.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
If approved by a majority of the voters, the Act becomes effective on January 1, 2019, and applies to all tax years beginning on or after that date.
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Provides a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled.
House Bill No. 196
Act No. 25
Ga. L. 2017, p. 55
" () YES () NO
Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes on nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled if they include business corporations in the ownership structure for financing purposes?"
Summary
This proposal clarifies that the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation for nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled applies even when financing for construction or renovation of the homes is provided by a business corporation or other entity. It amends paragraph (13) of Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
If approved by a majority of the voters, the Act becomes effective on January 1, 2019, and applies to all tax years beginning on or after that date.
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