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## ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA ANNOUNCES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AHEAD OF GENERAL ELECTION

Resources on real property tax referendum now available

**ATLANTA, Ga. (October 14, 2024)** – The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), also known as Georgia's county association, is providing educational resources regarding <u>House Bill 581 (2024)</u>, legislation that made many changes to Georgia's real property tax law. House Bill 581 is contingent upon the passage of the constitutional amendment from <u>House Resolution 1022 (2024)</u> posed as question #1 on the November 5 ballot in this year's general election.

Since this legislation has generated many questions, ACCG has compiled a host of resources, including a detailed bill summary, a joint PowerPoint presentation with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), and a Frequently Asked Questions Document (FAQ) published in conjunction with GMA. In addition, the two associations are hosting a joint webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 1:00 p.m. to help educate county and city officials so they may better explain the bill's implications to their constituents. <u>All resources may be found here</u>.

"ACCG worked on this legislation during the 2024 legislative session and will gladly serve as an educational resource," said Associate Director of Governmental Affairs Dante Handel. "However, it is extremely important to note that we are not allowed nor are we going to advocate for or against the passage of the referendum, but we are here to provide factual information."

Media partners are encouraged to contact Dante Handel with any questions regarding HB 581 or HR 1022. He can be reached at <u>dhandel@accg.org</u> or 203-906-8762.

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