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**The 2019 session of the Georgia General Assembly begins on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a lot of new faces when the session convenes at 10 AM. Georgia has a new Governor-Elect - Brian Kemp, a new Lt. Governor-elect - Geoff Duncan, a new Secretary of State-elect - Brad Raffensperger, and a new Commissioner of Insurance - Jim Beck. Chris Carr and Gary Black were both elected to maintain their offices as Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture, respectively. While Republicans will still be the majority caucus in both the House of Representatives and the State Senate, Democrats gained a total of 13 seats in the House of Representatives during this election. There will be five new faces in the State Senate this session - three Democrats and two Republicans. There will be 3 new faces in the House of Representative - 18 Democrats and 15 Republicans. Additionally, there are two open seats in the House of Representatives that will require a special election.

We are expecting a typical first week of the session that should include Governor Brian Kemp's Inauguration and State of the State address, committee assignments, and other organizational activities. Neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives have finalized Committee assignments. Due to the large number of new faces under the dome, we do expect changes to the composition of many of the committees pertinent to the CBA's legislative efforts, including the banking committees.

In preparation for the legislative session, CBA has been working with the Georgia Municipal Association to introduce legislation which would allow local governments to utilize deposit sweep programs as a supplement to existing pledging requirements, provided that deposits subject to the program remain federally insured. Georgia is the **ONLY** state in the United States that does not permit local governments to utilize deposit sweep

programs as a supplement to existing pledging requirements. We believe that this legislation would make it easier for community banks, particularly in rural Georgia, to accept deposits from their local government, allowing these banks to reinvest these back into their own communities and spur economic activity.

It is unknown just how long the session may last. With the Super Bowl being held in Atlanta, we may see some delays in session scheduling to limit traffic downtown. We will keep you posted of important dates during the session through our weekly legislative updates.

We hope you will follow the developments of the session carefully in the CBA's weekly *Legislative Updates* sponsored by **James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP**, CBA's General Counsel, and provide us with any feedback or questions that you may have. In addition, please plan to attend the [CBA's Grassroots Day at the Dome](#) scheduled on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, from 10:00-11:30AM at the Capitol followed by lunch from noon-1:00PM at the Georgia Freight Depot. It is extremely important that you attend this reception and meet with your local legislators, strengthen your relationships with them, express your views on issues, and let them know you are available for discussions anytime they have a question regarding an issue or pending legislation impacting our industry. If you have any questions before or during the session, please contact John McNair at [john@cbaofga.com](mailto:john@cbaofga.com) or Lori Godfrey at [lori@cbaofga.com](mailto:lori@cbaofga.com).

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With your active participation in the advocacy process, Georgia's community bankers will have a strong voice and influence in the shaping of our industry. We must constantly build and renew relationships with legislators who understand and support community banking.

For more information on how to contribute Georgia's only State PAC that is dedicated to advocating exclusively for community banking, visit [CBA's website](#).

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