

TERMINUS STRATEGIES

YEAR IN REVIEW

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2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- **First Year of the Biennial**

- COVID Precautions Continued
- Major Legislative Issues:
 - SB 202 Voting Legislation
 - HB 479 Citizens Arrest Powers
 - HB 593 Tax Relief Act of 2021
 - HB 112 COVID Liability

- **Makeup of the House and Senate**

- House: 101 Republicans (57)% & 77 Democrats (43%)
- Senate: 34 Republicans (60)% & 22 Democrats (40%)
- Neither chamber has a “supermajority” since the ‘18 election cycle



2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (CONT.)

- **Amount of Legislation**

- Total = 854 HBs, 322 SBs, 140+ bills monitored

- **Dunwoody Supported Legislation**

- Speed cameras (HB 199 (Wilensky))
- Cyber Security (HB 134 & SB 52)
- Teleconference Meetings (SB 95)

- **Dunwoody Opposed Legislation**

- HB 302 Restriction on Methods of Calculating Regulatory Fees
- HB 328 Reduction of Municipal Right-of-Ways (regarding fees by telephone companies)



2021 SPECIAL SESSION

- **Purpose: “Redistricting and Reapportionment”**
 - November 3, 2021 – November 22, 2021
 - Redrawing district map boundaries for state House, Senate, and Georgia’s Congressional districts.
 - Based on new population changes found in the 2020 U.S. Census.

- **District Size Comparisons**
 - Congressional Districts remain the same at 14 with approx. 765,000 citizens
 - State Senate increased from approx. 180,000 citizens to approx. 191,000 citizens
 - State House increased from approx. 53,800 citizens to approx. 59,500 citizens



2021 SPECIAL SESSION (CONT.)

- **Other Issues**

- Sales and Use Tax on Gasoline
- Governor's Proposed Judicial Appointments
- City of Buckhead and other various committee hearings

- **Outcome of Special Session**

- HD 79 → HD 52 & HD 80
- SD 40 → SD 40
- CD 6 → CD 4
- The proposed maps have been sent to the Governor for consideration and signature.
- If signed, then these maps would be in affect beginning the next election cycle.



FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

- **IIJA Breakdown of \$1.2T**
 - **\$567B – US DOT**
 - \$308B – FHWA Formula Funds (based of decades old formula with population)
 - \$43.6B – FHWA Grant Funds (new funding for competitive funding)
 - \$174B – Non-FHWA Funds (transit, rail, airports, etc.)
 - **\$633B – Non-Transportation**
 - \$65B – Power Infrastructure
 - \$65B – Broadband Infrastructure
 - \$55B – Water Infrastructure
 - \$47B – Resiliency Infrastructure (to mitigate against inclement weather and potential climate change issues)



BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

- **Status:** November 19, 2021 – House of Representatives passed. Awaiting Senate vote.
- **Key parts of the Build Back Better Act**
 - Lowers costs on things like prescription drugs, health care, and housing.
 - Provides child care and care for seniors to assist workers get back on the job.
 - Cuts taxes for working families and the middle class – including extending the Child Tax Credit.
 - Provides universal pre-Kindergarten for every 3-and 4-year old in America and makes education beyond high school more affordable (with historic investments in Pell Grants and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and other Minority Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities).
- **BBB Act Breakdown of \$1.75T**
 - \$555B – Fight Climate Change
 - \$400B – Universal Pre-K
 - \$200B – Child Tax Credits
 - \$200B – 4 Weeks of Paid Leave
 - \$165B – Healthcare Spending
 - \$150B – Expanding Affordable Home Care
 - \$150B – Affordable Housing



2022 FORECAST

- **Second Year of the Biennial**

- On January 10, 2022, the Georgia General Assembly will return to the State Capitol for 40 legislative days to begin their second year of the 2021-2022 biennial session.

- **Anticipated Major Issues**

- The Budget (ARP, Build Back Better, FY'22 Surplus, FY'23 Year-over-year Funds)
- City of Buckhead (HB 854, SB 324)(...and crime)
- Mental Health Policy/Funding
- Gambling, Sports Betting and/or Casinos
- Posturing and Issues for the 2022 Election Cycle:
 - State Income Tax Cut/Elimination (SB 323)
 - Constitutional Carry

- **2022 Election Cycle**

- Gubernatorial, Federal Senate, Lt. Governor's, ect.
- Retirements (none currently impacting Dunwoody)



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

