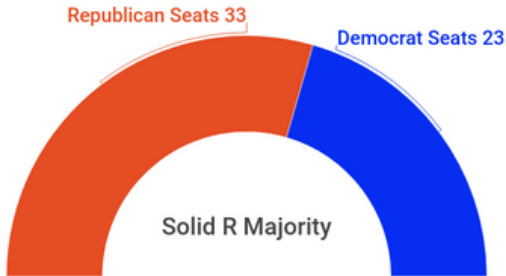


# Georgia State Senate Composition 2023-2024 Session

All 56 Senate seats faced reelection on November 8, 2022



Number of votes needed to pass a bill: 29

New Members: 10 new Senators (4 Dem./6 Rep.)

Net Change: +1 Democrat



## SD 2: Derek Mallow (D-Savannah)



Counties: Chatham County

Cities: Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, and Savannah

Preceded by: Senator Lester Jackson (D)

About: Derek is the current Representative for HD163. He holds a bachelor's degree in leadership and ministry from Asbury University as well as a Master's in Public Administration from Savannah State University. He has worked with the Boy Scouts of America for the last thirteen years and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

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## SD 3: Mike Hodges (R-Brunswick)



**Counties:** Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, and McIntosh

**Cities:** Brunswick, Darien, Folkston, Hoboken, Homeland, Kingsland, Nahunta, St. Marys, and Woodbine

**Preceded by:** Senator Sheila McNeill (R)

**About:** Mike has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking & Finance from the Terry College of Business (UGA). He is the founding director and senior officer of the First Bank of Brunswick. He is committed to community service and currently serves as the Chair of the Coastal Community Health Board, the Finance Chair for the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, and a Southeast Georgia Health System board member.

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## SD 6: Jason Esteves (D-Atlanta)



**Counties:** Fulton and Cobb

**Cities:** Atlanta, Marietta, Sandy Springs, and Smyrna

**Preceded by:** Senator Jen Jordan (D)

**About:** Jason Esteves is an at-large representative and the outgoing Board Chair of the Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education. Jason serves as Vice President at Equifax Inc., where he leads the handling of regulatory matters, risk mitigation, and sensitive disputes and investigations for the company. He was a litigation associate at the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP after graduating from Emory University School of Law.

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## SD 7: Nabilah Islam (D-Lawrenceville)



**Counties:** Gwinnett

**Cities:** Peachtree Corners, Berkley Lake, Duluth, and Suwannee

**Preceded by:** District 7 was previously located in South Georgia, the seat was held by Tyler Harper (R), however, this geographical area was represented by Michelle Au (D).

**About:** Nabilah was raised in Gwinnett County, and she is a community organizer and advocate. She went to Georgia State University and is the daughter of immigrants from Bangladesh. She has served as a Senior Adviser to the Gwinnett Democratic Party. She worked on the 2016 Clinton Presidential Campaign and the Democratic National Committee as a fundraiser.

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## SD 14: Josh McLaurin (D-Atlanta)



**Counties:** Fulton

**Cities:** Sandy Springs, Roswell, Johns Creek, and Alpharetta

**Preceded by:** District 14 was previously located in White County. The seat was held by Bruce Thompson (R), however, this geographical area was represented by John Albers (R).

**About:** Josh McLaurin grew up in Cobb County. He attended the University of Georgia for college and received his law degree from Yale University. Josh lives in Sandy Springs, practiced law at the firm Krevolin + Horst in Atlanta, and currently serves as General Counsel at ExpressJet Airlines. He has previously served in the Georgia House of Representatives.

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## SD 25: Rick Williams (R-Milledgeville)



**Counties:** Bibb, Butts, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Putnam, Baldwin

**Cities:** Eatonton, Flovilla, Gray, Jackson, Jenkinsburg, Locust Grove, Macon-Bibb, McDonough, Milledgeville, Monticello, Shady Dale

**Preceded by:** Senator Burt Jones (R)

**About:** As a small businessman who was born and raised in Middle Georgia, and a State Representative since 2016 Rick Williams, on behalf of Middle Georgia, backed the largest tax cuts in state history, protected the 2nd Amendment, and passed pro-life legislation with Georgia Life Alliance like the Heartbeat Bill and Gracie's Law.

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## SD 37: Ed Setzler (R-Acworth)



**Counties:** Cobb and Bartow

**Cities:** Cartersville, Emerson, Acworth, Kennesaw, and Marietta

**Preceded by:** Senator Lindsey Tippins (R)

**About:** Ed is a veteran, husband, and father of four who previously represented Acworth, Kennesaw, and West Cobb in the Georgia House of Representatives. Ed has served as Chairman of the 19-member Cobb legislative delegation, as Subcommittee Chairman in the Judiciary Non-civil Committee, and serves on the Education, Transportation, Appropriations, Reapportionment, and Rules committees.

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## SD 48: Shawn Still (R-Johns Creek)



**Counties:** Fulton, Forsyth, and Gwinnett

**Cities:** Cumming, Alpharetta, Buford, Sugar Hill, Suwanee, and Johns Creek

**Preceded by:** Senator Michelle Au (D)

**About:** As the President of Olympic Pool Plastering & Shotcrete, Shawn Still owns one of the largest pool contractors in the Southeast, generating over \$20 million in revenue per year and employing more than one hundred Georgians. Still received his bachelor's degree from The University of Alabama where he swam and played rugby. He has lived in Johns Creek since before its inception and is the father of three children.

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## SD 49: Shelly Echols (R-Lula)



Counties: Hall

Cities: Braselton, Buford, Clermont, Gainesville, Flowery Branch, Oakwood, Rest Haven, and Lula

**Preceded by:** President Pro Tempore Butch Miller (R)

**About:** Shelly was born in Gainesville and has lived in the 49th District her entire life. She was raised in the Tadmore community and graduated from East Hall High School. In 2007, Shelly started her own business, Daniel's Educational Tours, which plans standards-based educational field trips for schools all over Georgia. Shelly formerly served as the Director of Human Resources at Daniel's Charters, which employed approximately 75 people in Lula. In 2018, Shelly was elected as the Hall County Commissioner for District 3.

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## SD 53: Colton Moore (R-Dade)



**Counties:** Dade, Catoosa, Floyd, Walker, and Chattooga

**Cities:** Trenton, Trion, Lafayette, Lookout Mountain, Lyerly, Ringgold, Rossville, Rome, Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, Summerville, and Menlo

**Preceded by:** Senator Jeff Mullis (R)

**About:** Colton Moore was born in Trenton, Georgia. He received his bachelor's degree in international relations and political science from the University of Georgia. His career experience includes working as a truck driver and an auctioneer. He formerly served in the Georgia House of Representatives.

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