

GEORGIA

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Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to state primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia	Official Code of Georgia Annotated	Georgia Register	Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia	Court of Appeals Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Official Status	No	Yes	Not found	No	No	No
(Notes)	The online session laws are split between two platforms: Georgia Legislative Documents covers 1799-1999, while Georgia Government Publications covers 2000 – present.		O.C.G.A. 50-25-6 requires the Georgia Technology Authority to “electronically publish or cause to be published a publication entitled the Georgia Register which shall include information made available by the agencies through electronic media related to” and then lists proposed regulations, adopted regulations, etc.		From the court’s site: “The opinions of the Court of Appeals of Georgia are published in the official advance sheets and in bound volumes of the Georgia Appellate Reports.”	NOTICE: These opinions are subject to modification resulting from motions for reconsideration under Supreme Court Rule 27, the Court’s reconsideration, and editorial revisions by the Reporter of Decisions. The versions of the opinions published in the Advance Sheets for the Georgia Reports, designated here as the “Final Copy,” will replace any prior versions on the Court’s website and docket. The bound volumes of the Georgia Reports will contain the final and official text of the opinions.

Authentication	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)		OCGA 28-9-5 covers publication of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Neither code section references an online or electronic version.				
Online	No	No	No	No	No	No
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Permanent Public Access	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	OCGA 20-5-2 requires state agencies to provide copies of “public documents,” including electronic documents, to the University of Georgia Libraries. This code section specifically exempts the legislature. The Libraries has added the session laws to its Georgia Government Publications platform, but it is not required by law.			OCGA 20-5-2 requires state agencies to provide copies of “public documents,” including electronic documents, to the University of Georgia Libraries. “Public documents” are defined as “books, magazines, journals, pamphlets, reports, bulletins, and other publications of any agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other institution of the executive branch of state government.”	OCGA 20-5-2 requires state agencies to provide copies of “public documents,” including electronic documents, to the University of Georgia Libraries. This code section specifically exempts the courts.	OCGA 20-5-2 requires state agencies to provide copies of “public documents,” including electronic documents, to the University of Georgia Libraries. This code section specifically exempts the courts.
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UELMA Adopted	No	No	No	No	No	No
Universal Citation Adopted	No. Pursuant to Georgia Supreme Court Rule 22, "All citations of authority must be full and complete. Georgia citations must include the volume and page number of the official Georgia reporters (Harrison, Darby or Lexis). "					

Public Law Libraries in the State

Public law libraries provide access to primary legal sources and other materials.

Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
The Michael J. Lynch Law Library Atlanta's John Marshall Law School 245 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Suite 1900 Atlanta, GA 30303	https://johnmarshall.libguides.com/library	(678) 916-2664	askthelibrarian@johnmarshall.edu	Nothing Noted
Dougherty County Law Library Judicial Building 225 Pine Avenue, Room 209 Albany, GA 31701	https://www.dougherty.ga.us/public-safety/public-resources/law-library/	(229) 302-3295	None Listed	Nothing Noted

Fulton County Law Library Justice Center Tower 185 Central Avenue, SW Suite J1-7000 (7th Floor) Atlanta, GA 30303	https://www.fultoncourt.org/library/	(404) 612-4544	None Listed	Nothing Noted; closed to the public until further notice due to Covid-19
Georgia State University Law Library 85 Park Place NE Atlanta, GA 30303	https://lawlibrary.gsu.edu/	(404) 413-9102	None Listed	Nothing Noted
Homer M. Stark Law Library 75 Langley Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30046	https://gcll.org/	(770) 822-8575	StarkLawLibrary@gwinnettcounty.com	Nothing Noted
Mercer University Law Library 1021 Georgia Avenue Macon, GA 31207	https://law.mercer.edu/library/	(478) 301-2612	reference@law.mercer.edu	Nothing Noted; currently closed to the public
Alexander Campbell King Law Library University of Georgia College of Law 225 Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602-6012	http://www.law.uga.edu/library	(706) 542-6591	lawref@uga.edu	Nothing Noted
Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library Emory Law 1301 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30322-2770	http://library.law.emory.edu/	(404) 727-0059	None Listed	Nothing Noted