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1 Week to Sine Die; 8 Weeks to the Primary

Local Redistricting—Chatham County

HB1509 to redistrict the Chatham County Commission and **HB1510** to redistrict the Chatham School Board managed to pass thanks to a remarkable bipartisan compromise among the entire Chatham delegation. The bills passed through the local process rather than being subjected to the full House, as had others in large urban counties where maps were redrawn at the last minute over the objections of local officials. Rep. Carl Gilliard (D-162, Savannah) described the takeover of what should be a local process as "a bloodbath." Rep. Ron Stephens (R-164, Savannah) called it "the airing of dirty laundry." This is the final step before the maps go to the governor for signature.