



## 2017: WAYS TO MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

- (1) Send letters and/or emails to Governor Nathan Deal, Speaker of the House David Ralston, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and your state representative and senator. Urge support for broad-based religious protections for all Georgians this Session.
- (2) In your letter, further urge these elected leaders to at least support the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). It should pass without any amendments that would add so-called anti-discrimination language. Adding such language would elevate all manner of perceived discrimination above religious liberty claims, thus nullifying even the right to have a religious claim heard in court in many instances. All states surrounding Georgia already have RFRA. It is time Georgia passed RFRA language that mirrors the successful federal RFRA that was passed in 1993.

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- (3) Travel to the Georgia State Capitol and bring members of your congregation with you to urge passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and other like-minded legislation.
- (4) Actively oppose legislation that gives special status and special rights (such as affirmative action in employment) to those who participate in the homosexual lifestyle. Any legislation that would give elevated status to LGBT individuals with regard to employment, public facilities, public accommodations, public educational institutions, housing, credit, and jury selection.
- (5) Actively oppose any legislation which would add "sexual orientation" to Georgia's Fair Employment Practices Act. This would essentially implement LGBT affirmation action throughout state government.
- (6) Write "letters-to-the-editor" in support of RFRA and other policy issues as they relate to Christian values.