



2020 Georgia State House & Senate Candidate Questionnaire

Brian Strickland

Background Information

Education: J.D., Florida Coastal School of Law, B.B.A. Economics, Valdosta State University

Where is home? McDonough, GA

Do you currently hold a public office? If so, how long have you held your current office? Yes, State Senate 2018-2020

Past public offices held: State House of Representatives 2013-2018

Additional background information you'd like to share: Married to my wife for 6 years and we have two little boys that are 2 and 8 months.

Georgia in General

Briefly share your qualifications for the office.

In my time in the legislature, I have fought locally for the interests of the southeast metro area and have worked on criminal justice reform and to combat human trafficking. I grew up on a farm in McDonough and went on to earn my law degree after college. As an attorney that also grew up on a family farm, I have the unique background that allows me to serve my state and community well.

Please indicate the reasons you are seeking election and your priorities, overarching policy interests, and any solutions for district-specific challenges.

I want to continue to fight for economic development in my region of the state. I also want to continue fighting for reforms in our justice system and for mental health



reform. I will also continue to fight to preserve our values and to keep Georgia a great place to work and raise a family.

Agriculture & Rural Georgia

What do you think are the three greatest issues facing Georgia agriculture?

Trade policies which are mainly addressed at the federal level. At the state level, we need to make certain that our farms continue to have protections under the law from urban sprawl and frivolous nuisance claims that may seek to limit the rights of landowners.

What is your position on the Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA) for property taxes and the Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) program for exemption from sales tax for input costs? Do you support these programs? Do you believe any changes to the programs are necessary? If so, what and why?

I support the programs and am not aware of any changes that need to be made but am happy to discuss what we can do to make these programs stronger.

House Bill 545, also known as the Right to Farm Bill, was supported by all of the major agricultural organizations in the state throughout the 2019-2020 Legislative Biennium. Does traditional agriculture and our state's right to farm laws deserve protection, and what role do you think the State should play in such protections?

Yes and I supported the bill. We have to make certain that the code section at issue is strengthened given recent decisions by courts in other states.

Animal agriculture is a significant part of Georgia's economy. Animal rights groups are enacting laws around the country to regulate animal husbandry practices. Do you support the laws being enacted, which posture animal rights equal to human rights, or do you see these laws as threats to Georgia's agriculture interests?

I do not support these efforts and will oppose them if they come up in Georgia.