

Georgia Chronology, 1786–1788

1786

21 January–23 February

Virginia issues call for commercial convention to meet at Annapolis.

11–14 September

Annapolis Convention.

5 December

Annual legislative election.

1787

16 January

Assembly reads report of Annapolis Convention.

23 January

Assembly refuses to elect delegates to Constitutional Convention.

26 January

Assembly reads letters from Governor Edmund Randolph of Virginia urging the appointment of delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

10 February

Assembly elects Abraham Baldwin, William Few, William Houstoun, Nathaniel Pendleton, William Pierce, and George Walton to Constitutional Convention.

21 February

Confederation Congress calls Constitutional Convention to meet in Philadelphia in May to amend Articles of Confederation.

25 May–17 September

Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia.

9 August

Governor George Mathews calls special session of Assembly to meet on 20 September.

17 September

Constitutional Convention adjourns sine die.

10 October

Governor Mathews in Augusta receives Constitution. William Pierce arrives in Savannah with Constitution.

11 October

Constitution printed in Savannah Gazette of the State of Georgia.

13 October

Constitution printed in Augusta Georgia State Gazette.

18–31 October

Special session of Assembly.

18 October

Governor Mathews submits Constitution to Assembly.

25 October

Assembly resolves to consider the Constitution the next day.

26 October

Assembly adopts resolutions calling state Convention.

15 November

Newspaper debate among Georgians begins.

4 December

Election of delegates to state Convention and annual legislative election.

25 December 1787–5 January 1788

State Convention meets in Augusta.

28 December

Convention attains quorum.

29 December

Convention reads Constitution.

31 December

Convention ratifies Constitution 26 to 0.

1788

2 January

Convention adopts deeds of ratification.

5 January

Convention adjourns sine die.

7 January–1 February

Assembly session.

30–31 January

Assembly calls state constitutional convention to meet after nine states ratify U.S. Constitution.

1 February

Assembly cedes western land to Congress.

5, 19, 20 February

Governor George Handley sends letters to chief executives of states announcing ratification by Georgia.

5 May

Georgia Deed of Ratification delivered to Congress.

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