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
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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