



Georgia House of Representatives, District 71
David Stover (Incumbent) and Tom Thomason

Election: November 6, 2018

Chamber Mission: Champion increased economic prosperity for our members

Candidate	David Stover (R)	Tom Thomason (D)
Age	No response	59
# Years in District/County		23
Education		BS in Electronics Engineering – DeVry Institute of Technology. Graduate work in Business Management – Boston University Overseas Program.
Work Experience		26 years at Delta Airlines as a Flight Simulator Technician. 9 years at Singer-Link as a Flight Simulator Engineer.
Community Experience		Volunteer at the Coweta County African American Heritage Museum. Active member of South Atlanta Progress.
Personal Information		Married for 35 years to wife Angela. Two daughters, Jessica and Elena. Enjoys travel, kayaking, hiking, photography, reading.
Political Experience		None
Question 1 Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most appealing to both current and future residents.		Vibrant and growing area with many activities. Excellent school system. New state-of-the-art hospital and cancer center. Ease of access to metro Atlanta and the airport. Good shopping environment. Lower property taxes compared to neighboring Fayette County.

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<p>Question 2 What top 3 assets does Coweta County possess which attract new business and stimulate growth of existing businesses?</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good education system, including University of West Georgia, which provides an educated workforce. 2. Successful SPLOST and E-SPLOST programs which ensure funding for education and infrastructure while transferring some of the tax burden to visitors to our county. 3. Excellent and growing healthcare community that provides well-paying jobs to our citizens and care to those in need.
<p>Question 3 Describe how you would use your elected position to help business growth in Coweta County.</p>		<p>Work to expand Medicaid which will create jobs, lower healthcare costs and allow workers the comfort of being protected from financial ruin from a health event. Expand the Hope Scholarship to technical schools to provide more work-ready employees. Work to create a well-regulated medical cannabis industry to provide jobs, increase tax revenue and help with the opioid addition crisis. Vote against legislation that will drive businesses away such as the Religious Freedom Bill and stripping away tax breaks from companies based on social values.</p>
<p>Question 4 List the greatest need(s) in Coweta to continue its prosperity.</p>		<p>Continued investment in education. Improvements to infrastructure such as the new Poplar Road access to the interstate. Expand investment in renewable energy to create jobs and protect our environment.</p>
<p>Question 5 If elected, what do you want your greatest accomplishment to be during your term of office?</p>		<p>I believe it is imperative that we expand Medicaid to allow every citizen the security of healthcare and to lower our healthcare costs.</p>