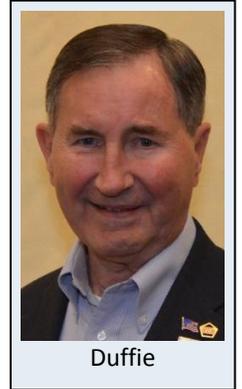


**NAME: James R. (Jim) Duffie**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: State Representative, District 81**



**Why are you seeking your office?**

I want to affect a positive change in the government of Dekalb County and the Dekalb School system. I will do everything within my power to mitigate the corruption, malfeasance, and mismanagement in those bodies, for the benefit of the present generation, our children, and grandchildren. Additionally, I will work to implement initiatives to stimulate our economy and create jobs. Also, if the people of my district want to achieve cityhood, I will champion their cause, and help negotiate the complicated legislative process.

**What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I will initiate legislation to eliminate the CEO position in Dekalb County, reconstitute the Ethics Commission, and require transparency of operation. I will carry the bills for the cityhood initiatives so they are properly handled. I will work to change the State tax collection system to a FairTax Model, which will eliminate the personal and business income taxes, in order to stimulate our economy and create jobs.

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

Having served in the U. S. Navy as Reactor Systems Operator, chemist, and radiological controls expert on a nuclear submarine, I can assess complex problems, and propose simple, ethical solutions. I work well with diverse groups and individuals, of all economic backgrounds and experience. As a previous chairman of the Realtor Political Action Committee, I worked with all political interests. I can get the job done!

**What are the key issues in your race?**

Corruption in the county government and school system, cityhood initiatives, and tax reform to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

**Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

I will work with other members of the House and Senate to enact tax reform that will eliminate the income tax and implement a FairTax Model, which is a one time, retail only sales tax on all new goods and services. This program will make us more competitive with other states that have no income tax and allow for the creation more jobs in the private sector. This tax system is transparent, simple, and fair to all citizens.

**Give a 100 word summary of your background.**

During the last 40 plus year period, I have been very involved in the Realtor and mortgage banking/broker professions. I am active in the Atlanta community, being a past member of the Buckhead Business Association and current member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Atlanta. I am a lead volunteer and member of the USO Council of Georgia. My church affiliation is First Baptist Church of Avondale Estates since 1955, holding numerous positions of leadership. I am currently the State Director, Georgians for Fair Taxation, and on the Board of Governors of the Ritz Group, an entrepreneurial networking community.