NAME: Scott Hilton  
PARTY: Republican  
SEEKING: Georgia House, District 95

Why are you seeking your office?

We need more genuine public servants in office with the leadership experience to drive positive change for our State. I have built a successful career in the private sector and spent years volunteering in our community. I believe a loving family, safe community and individual rights and responsibilities are the key to our success. My passion is to provide a voice for those at the Capitol who need it the most. I am excited to be that new, conservative leader who helps to elevate our political dialogue while getting things done for you.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

In my first two-year term, I was fortunate to pass six pieces of legislation that helped some of our community’s most vulnerable members, ranging from victims of abuse to individuals with disabilities. At the same time, I delivered the largest tax cut in Georgia's history, fully funded our public schools, and reformed our adoption code to bring more children into loving homes. I will continue to focus on legislation that strengthens our families, benefits our economy, and mirrors the values of our District.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My candidacy is distinguished from my opponent in three specific ways. 1.) Service to our community, before ever running for office I served on a variety of local volunteer boards which provide me with an in-depth knowledge on issues important to our area 2.) Proven ability to work across the aisle – it goes beyond just words on a flyer; my very first bill came as a result of working directly with a Democrat colleague. 3.) Most importantly, my motivation to serve is born from a consistent, love of our community and not a result today’s national political environment.

How can we improve school safety?

As the father of three school-aged children this subject is very close to my heart and one that needs attention. The General Assembly took major strides toward improving school safety during the 2018 legislative session. I fought to secure $16M in new funding for school security, a large portion of which will be directed toward Gwinnett County. We also established a School Safety Study Committee which is evaluating best practices from other states and needs within Georgia. I plan to work with members of that study committee to help pass their policy recommendations.

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.
After listening to neighbors from across our community, we need to address the rising cost of healthcare. We need to reform our state’s certificate of need laws to allow for more providers, inserting competition into the marketplace and driving down prices. We must protect Medicaid for our most vulnerable and expand job opportunities for those in rural Georgia who are lacking private-pay insurance. Finally, we need price transparency in healthcare and we have to end surprise medical billing. As a member of the House Healthcare committee, I am uniquely positioned to deliver solutions to this important challenge.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background

My priorities are my faith, family, and our community. As the parent of a child with special needs, my passion for service is driven by a desire to give a voice to everyone in our community. I was raised in Kansas, attended Georgetown University where I met my beautiful bride, Meredith. I received my MBA from Emory University and have worked as Senior Vice-President of Commercial Banking for the past 12 years. Our family is active members of Perimeter Church. I ask for your vote on November 6th.