

House Bill 1053

By: Representatives McBee of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 89<sup>th</sup> and Hudgens of the 24<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the unification of the existing governments of the City of  
2 Athens and Clarke County, approved March 2, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3560), as amended, so  
3 as to clarify the legislative power of the mayor; to clarify provisions concerning ante litem  
4 notice; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for the unification of the existing governments of the City of Athens and  
8 Clarke County, approved March 2, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3560), as amended, is amended by  
9 striking subsection (a) of Section 2-105 and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to  
10 read as follows:

11 "(a) All legislative powers of the unified government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia,  
12 including any such powers which may hereafter be conferred by law upon said  
13 government, shall be vested exclusively in the Mayor and the Commission, in accordance  
14 with the provisions of this charter."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 8-102 and inserting in lieu  
17 thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) All claims against the unified government must be presented within 12 months after  
19 they accrue or become payable or the same are barred, provided that minors or other  
20 persons laboring under disabilities shall be allowed 12 months after the removal of the  
21 disability to present their claims. This provision is intended to afford the unified  
22 government the same ante litem notice requirements afforded to counties under Code  
23 Section 36-11-1 of the O.C.G.A."

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.