

House Bill 1657

By: Representatives Holland of the 157th and Jenkins of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provision relative to the elements and formation of contracts generally,
3 so as to provide that certain provisions in a contract providing for binding arbitration or
4 consenting to a legal jurisdiction outside of this state shall be void as against the policy of
5 this state; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provision relative to the elements and formation of contracts generally, is amended
10 by inserting at the end thereof the following:

11 "13-3-6.

12 Any provision contained in any contract executed in this state on or after July 1, 2002,
13 requiring binding arbitration or consenting to the jurisdiction of any court outside of this
14 state shall be void and unenforceable as against the policy of this state unless such clause,
15 paragraph, or provision provides an option to accept or reject the provision and the party
16 executing the contract signifies his or her will with his or her signature or initials."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.