

House Bill 196

By: Representatives Coleman of the 142nd, Burkhalter of the 41st, Hanner of the 159th and Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to state government, so as to provide that the design of any new
3 state buildings shall be done in such manner so as to minimize the destruction of trees; to
4 provide that any new building construction project shall include landscaping which
5 minimizes the destruction of trees and provides for the planting of indigenous trees; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
10 provisions relative to state government, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
11 following:

12 "50-1-7.

13 (a) Any new building constructed by or under contract for the use of a state agency or a
14 state authority on or after December 31, 2001, shall be designed in such a manner so as to
15 minimize the loss or destruction of trees on the site of such construction.

16 (b) Any project for the construction of a building by or under contract for the use of a
17 state agency or a state authority on or after December 31, 2001, shall include a landscape
18 plan providing, to the greatest extent practicable, for the retention of trees located on the
19 site, for the replacement of trees lost with trees indigenous to the region, and for the
20 planting of new indigenous trees."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.