

Senate Bill 180

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Shafer of the 48th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide for the introduction of  
3 legislation; to provide for the joint sponsorship of legislation; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
8 provisions regarding the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code Section  
9 28-1-18 to read as follows:

10 "28-1-18.

11 Prior to introduction, each bill or resolution filed in the Senate or the House of  
12 Representatives shall be signed by a sponsor of such bill or resolution who shall be a  
13 member of the body in which the bill or resolution is to be introduced. A bill or resolution  
14 to be introduced in the House of Representatives may be signed, with the consent of the  
15 sponsoring member of the House of Representatives, by one or more other members of the  
16 House of Representatives or may be jointly sponsored, with the consent of the sponsoring  
17 member of the House of Representatives, by being signed by the sponsor and one or more  
18 other members of the House of Representatives and one or more members of the Senate.  
19 A bill or resolution to be introduced in the Senate may be signed, with the consent of the  
20 sponsoring member of the Senate, by one or more other members of the Senate or may be  
21 jointly sponsored, with the consent of the sponsoring member of the Senate, by being  
22 signed by the sponsor and one or more other members of the Senate and one or more  
23 members of the House of Representatives. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed  
24 to affect the requirements for certain types of legislation to originate in the House of  
25 Representatives."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.