

House Bill 537

By: Representatives Bridges of the 10th and Cummings of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to members of the General Assembly, so as to repeal Code Section
3 47-2-166, relating to membership of persons elected at the November, 1966, general election,
4 employer contributions, and use of General Assembly service for involuntary separation
5 allowance; to provide for a continuation of benefits; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to members of the General Assembly, is amended by striking in its entirety Code
11 Section 47-2-166, relating to membership of persons elected at the November, 1966, general
12 election, employer contributions, and use of General Assembly service for involuntary
13 separation allowance, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "47-2-166.

15 ~~(a) Any person who was elected as a member of the General Assembly at the November,~~
16 ~~1966, general election and who was a member of the retirement system at the time he took~~
17 ~~his oath of office as a member of the General Assembly shall be continued as a member~~
18 ~~of the retirement system in the same manner as any other member of the retirement system~~
19 ~~during all continuous terms of office, provided that he has not lost his membership in the~~
20 ~~retirement system and he makes the contributions required under the retirement system.~~

21 ~~(b) The legislative fiscal officer is authorized and directed to pay employer contributions~~
22 ~~for members under this Code section from the funds appropriated for or otherwise made~~
23 ~~available for the operations of the legislative branch of government of the state. Service~~
24 ~~credited to a member under this Code section shall not be counted as creditable service~~
25 ~~toward an involuntary separation allowance under this chapter.~~

26 Reserved."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 It is not the intent of this Act to affect the retirement benefit of any person currently receiving
3 a benefit based in whole or in part on the Code section repealed by this Act. Any such
4 benefits shall continue without interruption.

5 **SECTION 3.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.