

Senate Bill 574

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Tolleson of the 20th, Carter of the 13th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide that no municipal corporation shall
3 be incorporated which has the same name as an existing municipal corporation or a name
4 which is confusingly similar to that of an existing municipal corporation; to provide for
5 certification of compliance; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

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

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation
10 of municipal corporations, is amended by adding after Code Section 36-31-4 a new Code
11 section to read as follows:

12 "36-31-4.1.

13 (a) No municipal corporation shall be incorporated which has the same name as an existing
14 municipal corporation or a name which is confusingly similar to that of an existing
15 municipal corporation.

16 (b) The provisions of this Code section shall be part of the minimum standards for
17 incorporation. The certificate required under Code Section 36-31-5 shall contain a
18 particular recitation of compliance with this Code section."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.