

House Bill 21

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Talton of the 145th, Byrd of the 20th, Franklin of the 43rd, Benton of the 31st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-3-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 English designated as the official language, constitutional rights not denied, authorization for
3 documents and forms in other languages, and exceptions, so as to provide that public entities
4 shall provide forms and documents only in English; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-3-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to English
9 designated as the official language, constitutional rights not denied, authorization for
10 documents and forms in other languages, and exceptions, is amended by revising subsection
11 (c) as follows:

12 "(c) State agencies, counties, municipal corporations, and political subdivisions of this
13 state are not authorized to use or to print official documents and forms in ~~languages~~ any
14 language other than the official language, ~~at the discretion of their governing authorities.~~
15 Documents filed or recorded with a state agency or with the clerk of a county, municipal
16 corporation, or political subdivision must be in the official language or, if the original
17 document is in a language other than the official language, an English translation of the
18 document must be simultaneously filed."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.