

House Bill 471

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, McCall of the 30th, and Rynders of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other government
3 entities, so as to prohibit local governments from requiring transfer of the ownership of
4 privately constructed water or sewage systems under certain conditions; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other government entities, is
10 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "36-80-21.

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no municipal corporation,
13 county, or local authority shall require the transfer of ownership of a privately constructed
14 water or sewage system that is not to be connected to a publicly owned water or sewage
15 system to said governmental entity; nor shall such governmental entity require such
16 transfer of ownership as a condition for the approval or issuance of local permits."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.