

House Bill 421

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Parsons of the 42nd, Martin of the 47th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Bearden of the 68th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to powers and duties of the Governor generally, so as to provide that the Governor
3 shall be authorized to take such action as necessary to cause the State of Georgia and the
4 Southern States Energy Board to conduct an inventory of oil and natural gas in the coastal
5 areas of Georgia and investigate the possibilities of exploration and drilling; to provide for
6 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 powers and duties of the Governor generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to
12 read as follows:

13 "45-12-41.

14 The Governor is authorized as soon as is permitted by the federal government to take such
15 action as necessary to cause the State of Georgia and the Southern States Energy Board,
16 in partnership with selected companies and industries, to conduct an offshore inventory of
17 oil and natural gas in the coastal areas of this state and to investigate the possibility of
18 exploration and drilling for oil and natural gas in such areas."

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23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.