

House Bill 427

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Willard of the 49th, Williams of the 165th, Hill of the 180th, Gordon of the 162nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-88-6, relating to criteria for an enterprise zone, so as to provide
2 for certain criteria for pervasive property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
3 laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 36-88-6, relating to criteria for an enterprise zone, is amended by revising
7 subsection (b) as follows:

8 "(b) Pervasive poverty shall be evidenced by showing that poverty is widespread
9 throughout the nominated area and shall be established by using the following criteria:

10 (1) The poverty rate shall be determined from the data in the most current United States
11 decennial census prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Census;

12 (2) For ~~each census geographic block group~~ parcels within the nominated area, the
13 parcels must be within or adjacent to a census block group where the ratio of income to
14 poverty level for at least ~~20~~ 15 percent of the residents shall be less than 1.0;

15 (3) Census geographic block groups with no population shall be treated as having a
16 poverty rate which meets the standards of paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

17 (4) All parcels of a nominated area must abut and may not contain a noncontiguous
18 parcel, unless such nonabutting parcel qualifies separately under the criteria set forth
19 under paragraph (2) of this subsection."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.