

Senate Bill 152

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 2-8-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 established agricultural commodity commissions and ratifications, contributions, and
3 balloting relating thereto, so as to provide for an Agricultural Commodity Commission for
4 Ornamental Plants; to provide for balloting; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 2-8-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to established
9 agricultural commodity commissions and ratifications, contributions, and balloting relating
10 thereto, is amended in subsection (a) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(4) There shall be an Agricultural Commodity Commission for Ornamental Plants
12 established on the effective date of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the
13 term 'ornamental plants' means any plants grown in commercial nurseries for sale as live
14 plants for use primarily in ornamental or landscape plantings; such term shall not include
15 turf production or plants grown in nurseries for other agricultural, horticultural, or
16 silvicultural use."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Code section is further amended in subsection (c) by adding a new paragraph to read
19 as follows:

20 "(4) Prior to April 30, 2011, and each three years thereafter, balloting shall be conducted
21 in accordance with Code Section 2-8-23 to determine whether any existing commission
22 listed in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall continue to exist and
23 operate under this article."

24 **SECTION 3.**

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

27 **SECTION 4.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.