

House Bill 716

By: Representatives May of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Jerguson of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 standards and requirements for construction, alteration, etc., of buildings and other structures,  
3 so as to define a term; to provide that before agreeing to participate in the federal Section 8  
4 Housing Choice Voucher Program, a landlord, property manager, or property owner shall  
5 give certain notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards and  
10 requirements for construction, alteration, etc., of buildings and other structures, is amended  
11 by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 4

13 8-2-230.

14 As used in this article, the term 'Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program' means that  
15 program administered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to  
16 provide rent vouchers to persons with very low incomes.

17 8-2-231.

18 Any landlord, property manager, or property owner contemplating qualifying for  
19 participation in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program shall file a public notice  
20 as provided in Code Section 8-2-232.

21 8-2-232.

22 The public notice provided for in Code Section 8-2-231 shall run in the legal organ of the  
23 county in which the property is located and shall also be submitted, if applicable, to any  
24 homeowners' association at its address of record by registered or certified mail or statutory  
25 overnight delivery at least once not later than two weeks but not earlier than one month  
26 prior to the date of such qualification. The homeowners' association may disseminate the  
27 notice or the contents of the notice to its members via its preferred means of  
28 communication, which may include, without limitation, a newsletter or website. Such  
29 notice shall specify the street address of the property affected, the number of Section 8  
30 Housing Choice Voucher Program housing units which will be created, and the street  
31 address and telephone number of the landlord, property manager, or property owner.

32 8-2-233.

33 In addition to the public notice required by Code Section 8-2-231, any landlord, property  
34 manager, or property owner advertising or otherwise posting notice of the availability of  
35 a Section 8 property shall include that fact conspicuously in such advertising or posting."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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