

The House Committee on Science and Technology offers the following substitute to HB 716:

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 before qualifying for participation in
19 the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program shall file a public notice as provided in
20 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 qualification for participation in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
27 Program . The homeowners' association may disseminate the notice or the contents of the
28 notice to its members via its preferred means of communication, which may include,
29 without limitation, a newsletter or website. Such notice shall specify the street address of
30 the property affected, the number of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program housing
31 units which will be created, and the street address and telephone number of the landlord,
32 property manager, or property owner.

33 8-2-233.

34 In addition to the public notice required by Code Section 8-2-231, any landlord, property
35 manager, or property owner advertising or otherwise posting notice of the availability of
36 a Section 8 property shall make such advertising or posting easily readable to the general
37 public."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.