

House Bill 867

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regional commissions, so as to create the Commission on Regional Planning; to
3 provide for the membership and duties for such commission; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 regional commissions, is amended by designating Code Sections 50-8-30 through 50-8-47
9 of said article as Part 1 and adding a new part to read as follows:

10 "Part 2

11 50-8-50.

12 There is created a Commission on Regional Planning. The Commission on Regional
13 Planning shall coordinate state contract terms, identify appropriate state and federal
14 funding for commissions in the pursuit of shared service delivery goals, coordinate
15 planning of state and federal resource allocation and state service delivery, and identify
16 issues and opportunities requiring state, regional, or local action.

17 50-8-51.

18 (a) The Commission on Regional Planning shall be governed by a board of directors that
19 shall initially consist of the following members:

20 (1) The Governor;

21 (2) The chairperson of each council governing each commission as defined in Code
22 Section 50-8-31;

- 23 (3) The president or executive director of the Association County Commissioners of
 24 Georgia;
 25 (4) The president or executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association;
 26 (5) The commissioner of community affairs;
 27 (6) The commissioner of economic development;
 28 (7) The commissioner of human resources;
 29 (8) The commissioner of natural resources;
 30 (9) The commissioner of transportation;
 31 (10) The director of the Environmental Protection Division;
 32 (11) The director of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority;
 33 (12) A designee of the Lieutenant Governor; and
 34 (13) A designee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 35 (b) The Governor shall serve as chairperson of the Commission on Regional Planning.
 36 The Governor is authorized to appoint other members to the Commission on Regional
 37 Planning as appropriate. The commissioner of community affairs shall serve as executive
 38 director of the Commission on Regional Planning. The chairperson of the appropriate
 39 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as determined by the
 40 Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, may
 41 serve as ex-officio nonvoting members of the Commission on Regional Planning.
 42 50-8-52.
 43 Each executive director of each commission established pursuant to Part 1 of this article
 44 shall act as an adviser to the Commission on Regional Planning."

45 **SECTION 2.**

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