

Senate Bill 62

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, McKoon of the 29th, Loudermilk of the 52nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to sovereignty and jurisdiction of the state, so as to provide that no private property
3 shall be alienated to any other state, territory, or nation or to the federal government which
4 would result in an extinguishment or diminution of the exercise of state sovereignty or
5 jurisdiction without the consent of the General Assembly; to provide that any act which
6 results in the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to exercise sovereignty or
7 jurisdiction over property shall not be recognized by the state and shall be void and of no
8 effect; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 sovereignty and jurisdiction of the state, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
13 as follows:

14 "50-2-29.

15 (a) No private property within the borders of this state shall be alienated in any manner to
16 any other state, territory, or nation or to the federal government if such action would result
17 in the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to exercise sovereignty or
18 jurisdiction over such property without the express approval of the General Assembly by
19 resolution approved by a two-thirds' vote of the members of each chamber.

20 (b) Any contract executed or conveyance made in violation of this Code section shall be
21 void ab initio and shall be of no effect. Further, any contract executed or conveyance made
22 in anticipation of the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to exercise
23 sovereignty or jurisdiction over such property without the approval of the General
24 Assembly shall be void ab initio and shall be of no effect.

25 (c) Any act which results in the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to
26 exercise sovereignty or jurisdiction over any property over which the state's sovereignty

27 and jurisdiction extends pursuant to Code Section 50-2-20 shall not be recognized by the
28 state and shall be void and of no effect."

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 **SECTION 3.**

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