

House Bill 400

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st, McCall of the 30th, Burns of the 157th, Rogers of the 26th, Dickson of the 6th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to water resources, so as to exempt water withdrawals
3 from a certain portion of the Tennessee River basin from restrictions on interbasin transfers
4 of water; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to water resources, is amended by adding a new Code section to
9 read as follows:

10 "12-5-10.

11 The withdrawal of surface water from any point within that portion of the Tennessee River
12 basin lying in the Chickamauga Valley and Lookout Mountain physiographic districts in
13 this state followed by use or return of some or all of that water to a different river basin in
14 this state shall be exempt from any restriction on interbasin transfers of water provided by
15 or pursuant to any provision of this chapter."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.