

Senate Bill 221

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Mullis of the 53rd, Stoner of the 6th, Rogers of the 21st, Davis of the 22nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-80-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Local  
2 Government Authorities Registration Act," so as to provide for immunity for local  
3 government authorities and such authorities' members, officers, agents, and employees; to  
4 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 36-80-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Local Government  
9 Authorities Registration Act," is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(k) A local government authority, regardless of whether such authority is registered, shall  
11 have the same immunity and privileges from liability for damages as provided to this state.  
12 The members, officers, agents, and employees of each local government authority, when  
13 acting withing the scope of their work for the local government authority, shall have the  
14 same immunity and privileges from liability for damages as officials, officers, agents, and  
15 employees of this state. Unless otherwise provided by law, the defense of sovereign  
16 immunity is waived by local government authorities as to any action ex contractu for the  
17 breach of any written contract. The immunity provided in this Code section shall be in  
18 addition to any immunity provided by other provisions of law and this subsection shall not  
19 be construed to limit or qualify any other immunity provided to any local government  
20 authority or such authority's members, officers, agents, or employees by any other  
21 provision of law."

22 **SECTION 2.**

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

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**SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.