

Senate Bill 62

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AS PASSED SENATE

**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 for exceptions; to
6 provide that any act which results in the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to
7 exercise sovereignty or jurisdiction over property shall not be recognized by the state and
8 shall be void and of no effect; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

11 **SECTION 1.**

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

15 "50-2-29.

16 (a) No private property within the borders of this state shall be alienated in any manner to
17 any other state, territory, or nation or to the federal government except as otherwise
18 expressly provided in this article if such action would result in the extinguishment or
19 diminution of the state's right to exercise sovereignty or jurisdiction over such property
20 without the express approval of the General Assembly by resolution approved by
21 two-thirds of the members elected to each house; provided, however, that this subsection
22 shall not prohibit the conveyance of property to a foreign sovereignty which has diplomatic
23 relations with the United States for use as an embassy or consulate.

24 (b) Any contract executed or conveyance made in violation of this Code section shall be
25 void ab initio and shall be of no effect. Further, any contract executed or conveyance made

26 in anticipation of the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to exercise
27 sovereignty or jurisdiction over such property without the approval of the General
28 Assembly shall be void ab initio and shall be of no effect.

29 (c) Any act which results in the extinguishment or diminution of the state's right to
30 exercise sovereignty or jurisdiction over any property over which the state's sovereignty
31 and jurisdiction extends pursuant to Code Section 50-2-20 shall not be recognized by the
32 state and shall be void and of no effect."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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

36 **SECTION 3.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.