

House Bill 592

By: Representatives Brockway of the 101st, Clark of the 98th, Harrell of the 106th, Rice of the 51st, Coleman of the 97th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Gwinnett County, approved
 2 January 31, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 4658), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March
 3 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3998), so as to repeal provisions relating to public dissemination
 4 of amounts expended by the county for professional services; to provide for related matters;
 5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Gwinnett County, approved January 31, 1968
 9 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 4658), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 20, 1990 (Ga.
 10 L. 1990, p. 3998), is amended by repealing subsection (d) of Section 7 which reads as
 11 follows:

12 "(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

13 (A) 'Person' means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a business trust, an
 14 association, a firm, or any other legal entity.

15 (B) 'Professional services' includes but is not limited to the practice of architecture, the
 16 practice of professional engineering, the practice of land surveying, the practice of
 17 landscape architecture, the practice of law, and consultant or professional study
 18 services. The term 'professional services' shall not include indigent defense services;
 19 medical services; educational and recreational instruction; counseling services; banking
 20 services; court reporting; medical examiner services; arbitration; investigation services,
 21 expert witnesses for criminal proceedings, or other professional services associated with
 22 judicial proceedings; veterinarian services; language translation services; funeral and
 23 burial services; drug testing; and preemployment psychological screenings. The term
 24 'professional services' is not intended to include such services provided by county
 25 employees as part of their job duties, but rather is intended to include only such services
 26 provided on a nonemployee contractual basis.

27 (2) The board of commissioners shall prepare monthly and make available for public
28 dissemination in the county legal organ and such other media as the board shall deem
29 appropriate an itemized account of all funds expended for professional services, except
30 those services excluded under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The
31 account shall state the name of the person receiving county funds, the amount so
32 received, and the professional service provided. If a vendor receives more than one
33 payment during a month for the same type of professional service, then it shall be
34 sufficient to publish the total of such payments."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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