

House Bill 982

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Holmes of the 125th, Ashe of the 56th, Long of the 61st, Drenner of the 86th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-3-50.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 grants for preservation of "historic properties" and additional powers and duties of the
3 Department of Natural Resources, so as to create the African American Cultural Preservation
4 Office; to provide for powers and duties of the office; 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 12-3-50.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for
9 preservation of "historic properties" and additional powers and duties of the Department of
10 Natural Resources, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(d) The African American Cultural Preservation Office shall be established and
12 maintained within the Division of Historic Preservation. The office shall have the
13 following powers and duties:

14 (1) To increase awareness of, and encourage public interest in, the contributions of
15 African Americans to the cultural heritage of this state;

16 (2) To cooperate with agencies of the federal government, other agencies of the state and
17 political subdivisions thereof, and private organizations and individuals to identify and
18 preserve properties in this state associated with African American cultural heritage;

19 (3) To develop and propose programs and activities to protect, preserve, and encourage
20 the preservation of properties in this state associated with African American cultural
21 heritage; and

22 (4) To provide public information and education, technical assistance, and training
23 relating to the preservation of African American cultural heritage."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.