

Senate Bill 176

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Stoner of the 6th, Davis of the 22nd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 meetings to be open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording,
3 notice of time and place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, so as to
4 authorize all agencies to conduct meetings by teleconference under certain circumstances;
5 to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

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

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings to be
10 open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and
11 place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, is amended by revising
12 subsection (f) as follows:

13 "(f) All agencies ~~An agency with state-wide jurisdiction~~ shall be authorized to conduct
14 meetings by telecommunications conference, provided that any such meeting is conducted
15 in compliance with this chapter."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.