

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HB 775:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 32-9-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the creation of the transit authority by special legislation and the authority's attributes and powers, so as to repeal a population provision relative to creation of a transit authority within metropolitan areas; to provide for the establishment of intergovernmental agreements prior to the operation of service by a transit authority when it is being created in a geographical area where a transit service is already provided by an authority or county government; to amend Code Section 32-6-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on certain outdoor advertising, so as to repeal a population provision; to clarify sign restrictions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 32-9-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the creation of the transit authority by special legislation and the authority's attributes and powers, is amended by repealing subsection (c) and by enacting new subsections (c) and (e) to read as follows:

"(c) As used in this Code section, the term 'metropolitan area' means the area of any city within this state, together with the area suburban to such city as each such suburban area shall be more specifically delimited by special Act of the General Assembly."

"(e) When a transit authority or a county public transit provider is in operation within the territory delimited by the General Assembly of a new transit authority established under this Code section, an intergovernmental agreement shall be entered into between the transit authority or county public transit provider currently in operation and the new transit authority in order for the new transit authority to commence and continue operations."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 32-6-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on certain outdoor advertising, is amended by repealing paragraph (11) of subsection (a) and by enacting a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(11) Contains an area, to be measured by the smallest square, rectangle, triangle, circle, or combination thereof, which encompasses the entire sign, in excess of 1,200 square feet or exceeding 30 feet in height or 60 feet in length, inclusive of any border and trim but excluding the base, apron, supports, and other structural members; provided, however, that the maximum size of 1,200 square feet, the maximum height of 30 feet, and the maximum length of 60 feet may be exceeded, but in no event shall any such sign exceed 3,500 square feet; provided, further, that no such oversized signs shall be erected after July 1, 1973 other than erection of an oversized sign in the same location where an oversized sign existed prior to July 1, 1973;"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

SECTION 4.

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