

Senate Bill 24

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Lucas of the 26th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide a definition; to provide
3 that no local bill shall be favorably reported by a legislative committee for legislative action
4 by a house of the General Assembly unless such local bill contains the signatures of members
5 of such house of the General Assembly who represent collectively at least one-half of the
6 residents of the area or jurisdiction to which such local bill shall be applicable; to provide for
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions regarding the General Assembly, is amended by revising Code Section 28-1-14.1,
12 which was previously reserved, as follows:

13 "28-1-14.1. ~~Reserved.~~

14 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'local bill' means any bill introduced in the
15 General Assembly which would be applicable to less than the entire State of Georgia.

16 (b) In order for a local bill to be favorably reported by a committee of the General
17 Assembly for legislative action by a house of the General Assembly, such local bill shall
18 contain the signatures of members of such house of the General Assembly who represent
19 collectively at least one-half of the residents of the area or jurisdiction to which such local
20 bill shall be applicable.

21 (c) Such calculation shall be based upon the most recent federal decennial census of the
22 area or jurisdiction.

23 (d) Unless such local bill contains such signatures, no action shall be taken on such local
24 bill by any committee or house of the General Assembly."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.