

House Bill 192

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
3 entities, so as to provide that elected officials of counties, municipal corporations, school
4 districts, and consolidated governments shall be reimbursed for expenses only through the
5 submission of expense reimbursement requests; to prohibit an elected official of a county,
6 municipal corporation, school district, or consolidated government from being issued or
7 authorized to use a government purchasing card or government credit card; to provide for the
8 promulgation of certain policies; to provide for access to certain records; to provide for
9 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
13 provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is
14 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "36-80-24.

16 Elected officials of counties, municipal corporations, school districts, and consolidated
17 governments shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by such elected officials in
18 fulfilling the duties of their offices only through the submission of expense reimbursement
19 requests with receipts and documentation for such expenses to the governmental entity
20 which shall reimburse each such elected official for only the actual expenses incurred by
21 such elected official while on official business in accordance with guidelines for such
22 reimbursements adopted by the county, municipal corporation, school district, or
23 consolidated government. In no event shall an elected official of a county, municipal
24 corporation, school district, or consolidated government be issued or authorized to use a
25 government purchasing card or government credit card. Each county, municipal
26 corporation, school district, and consolidated government shall, not later than January 1,

27 2016, promulgate specific policies regarding the reimbursement of expenses for elected
28 officials of such county, municipal corporation, school district, or consolidated
29 government. Such policies shall be posted in a prominent location for the information and
30 inspection of the public. Such expense reimbursement requests submitted by such elected
31 officials shall be available for public inspection."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

