

Senate Bill 107

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to provide
2 transit services throughout the county, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5315), so
3 as to remove exceptions from inclusion of a special district for transit services; to provide for
4 a feasibility study prior to the inclusion of new areas of the county within such special
5 district; to provide for the creation of a special district for transit services by the board; to
6 provide that areas not receiving transit services shall be excluded from the special district;
7 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to provide transit
11 services throughout the county, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5315), is amended
12 by revising Section 1 to read as follows:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County
15 is authorized to provide transit services within any portion or portions of the unincorporated
16 area of Chatham County and within any portion or portions of any incorporated area of
17 Chatham County. In carrying out this function the Board of Commissioners of Chatham
18 County may contract with a transit authority."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by repealing Section 2, relating to exclusion from a special
21 district for transit services by a city within the county other than the City of Savannah, and
22 designating such section as reserved.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 to read as follows:

25 "SECTION 3.

26 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County may create a special district for
27 transit services, which may include all, any portion, or none of the unincorporated areas of
28 Chatham County or all, any portion, or none of the areas within the municipalities of
29 Chatham County, as provided for in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution
30 of the State of Georgia to raise funds for the provision of transit services within such
31 district.

32 (b) Prior to including any portion of Chatham County in a special district which was not
33 within such special district as of January 1, 2015, the Board of Commissioners shall direct
34 the board of the Chatham Area Transit Authority to order a study of feasibility as to the
35 potential cost of services to such areas. Such feasibility study shall also include a
36 recommendation on whether transit services should be provided to these portions. All
37 findings from the feasibility study shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners within
38 three months of completion. The Board of Commissioners shall retain authority on which
39 portions of Chatham County shall be included in the special district for transit services.

40 (c) Any portion of Chatham County which does not receive transit services shall be
41 excluded from the special district for transit services.

42 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the Board of Commissioners of
43 Chatham County from financially supporting the provision of transit services within said
44 county from any funds of said county."

45 **SECTION 4.**

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