

## Senate Bill 275

By: Senators Williams of the 27th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Martin of the 9th and others

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 the governing body of any county, consolidated government,  
4 or municipality; local board of education; or any other governmental entity shall not adopt  
5 or maintain any policy, rule, or other provision that has the effect of preventing the free  
6 exercise of the right of freedom of speech by the members of the governing body and the  
7 ability of members of the governing body to discuss freely the policies and actions of such  
8 entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
12 provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is  
13 amended by revising Code Section 36-80-1, which was previously reserved, as follows:

14 "36-80-1.

15 The governing body of any county, consolidated government, or municipality; local board  
16 of education; or any other governmental entity shall not adopt or maintain any policy, rule,  
17 or other provision that has the effect of preventing the free exercise of the right of freedom  
18 of speech by the members of such governing body and the ability of members of such  
19 governing body to discuss freely the policies and actions of such governing body.

20 **Reserved."**

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.