

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions for validation of bonds, so as to provide that local  
3 school systems can become parties to bond validation hearings; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to general provisions for validation of bonds, is amended by revising Code Section  
9 36-82-23, relating to hearing and judgment on show cause order, parties to proceedings, and  
10 appeal, as follows:

11 "36-82-23.

12 (a) Within the time prescribed in the order or such further time as he or she may fix, the  
13 judge of the superior court shall proceed to hear and determine all questions of law and of  
14 fact in the case and shall render judgment thereon. Any citizen of this state who is a  
15 resident of the county, municipality, or political subdivision desiring to issue the bonds  
16 may become a party to the proceedings at or before the time set for the hearing. Any party

17 to the proceedings who is dissatisfied with the judgment of the court confirming and  
18 validating the issuance of the bonds or refusing to confirm and validate the issuance of the  
19 bonds may appeal from the judgment under the procedure provided by law in cases of  
20 injunction. No appeal may be taken by any person who was not a party at the time the  
21 judgment appealed from was rendered.

22 (b) Any local school system covering the geographic area of the county, municipality, or  
23 political subdivision desiring to issue the bonds shall have the same standing as a citizen  
24 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.