

House Bill 842

By: Representatives Lim of the 99<sup>th</sup> and Thomas of the 65<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to county governing authorities, so as to provide for legislative findings; to provide  
3 that a member of a county governing authority shall not represent any person before any  
4 agency, office, court, or other entity of the county for which the member serves on the  
5 governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 county governing authorities, is amended by revising Code Section 36-5-23, which was  
11 previously reserved, as follows:

12 "36-5-23.

13 (a) The General Assembly finds that the representation of other persons by a member of  
14 a county governing authority before any agency, office, court, or other entity of the county  
15 for which the member serves on the governing authority creates a potential conflict of  
16 interest, a potential of undue influence, and an appearance of impropriety due to the

17 significant role that the county governing authority plays in the operation and funding of  
18 such agencies, offices, courts, and other entities of the county.

19 (b) A member of a county governing authority shall not represent the interests of another  
20 person, as an attorney or otherwise, before any agency, office, court, or other entity of the  
21 county in which such member serves on the governing authority Reserved."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.