

House Bill 1151

By: Representative Clark of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics
2 in government, so as to repeal Code Section 21-5-34.2, relating to leadership committees; to
3 provide for the winding down of existing leadership committees; to provide for the
4 distribution of the remaining funds held by existing leadership committees; to provide for
5 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in
10 government, is amended by repealing Code Section 21-5-34.2, relating to leadership
11 committees, definition, operation, and separation from campaign committees, in its entirety.

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-33, relating to disposition of
14 contributions, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

15 "(e) Within 30 days of the effective date of this subsection, after payment of all ordinary
16 and necessary expenses of the leadership committee, all funds held by leadership
17 committees established under the provisions of former Code Section 21-5-34.2 shall be
18 distributed as provided in this Code section and the leadership committee terminated. The
19 remaining funds following the payment of all ordinary and necessary expenses of the
20 leadership committee shall be distributed only as:

21 (1) Contributions to any charitable organization described in 26 U.S.C. 170(c) as such
22 federal statute exists on March 1, 1986, and which additionally shall include educational,
23 eleemosynary, and nonprofit organizations; or

24 (2) Repayment to persons making such contributions, not to exceed the total amount
25 contributed to the leadership committee by each such person."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 4.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.