

House Bill 409

By: Representatives Daniel of the 117th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, 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 applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
3 entities, so as to authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as
4 county governing authorities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,
10 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "36-80-29.

12 (a) For purposes of this Code section, 'local authority' means, without limitation,
13 instrumentalities of one or more local governments or any other legally created
14 organization created to fulfill a specialized public purpose that has authority to issue debt
15 for a public purpose, and shall include, but not be limited to, joint authorities; regional
16 authorities; hospital authorities; housing authorities; residential care facilities for the

17 elderly authorities; resource recovery development authorities; solid waste management
18 authorities; downtown development authorities; airport authorities; industrial, payroll, and
19 other development authorities; transit authorities; water and sewer authorities; parking
20 authorities; recreation authorities; stadium and coliseum authorities; building or public
21 facilities authorities; public service authorities; or any other local government authority
22 regardless of name. Such local authorities may have been created by local constitutional
23 amendment, general statute, or local law. Such term shall not include state authorities.
24 (b) In addition to any authorizations otherwise provided by law, a local authority is
25 authorized to sell, convey, or dispose of any interest in real property in the same manner
26 as any governing authority of any county as authorized by Code Section 36-9-3."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.