

Senate Bill 459

By: Senators Cagle of the 49th, Hudgens of the 47th, Shafer of the 48th, Jackson of the 50th and Moody of the 27th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, so as to change the
3 minimum number of meetings of the board; to change the minimum amount of dues payable
4 by counties and cities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, is amended by striking subsection (a)
9 of Code Section 12-5-576, relating to open meetings, quorum, voting, and executive sessions,
10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) The board shall meet at least ~~six~~ three times per year at a time and place set forth in
12 the minutes of the district and at such other times as the chairperson may direct. All such
13 meetings shall be open to the public."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said article is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 12-5-577, relating
16 to an operating budget, sources of funding, power to enter into contracts and to expend funds,
17 and depositing, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 "(b) Funding for the district operations shall be derived from the following sources:

19 (1) Dues paid by cities and counties within the district such that the aggregate total of all
20 such dues from all such cities and counties shall be no less than ~~\$1 million~~ \$500,000
21 annually. Such fees shall be raised on a per capita assessment or water-usage fee basis or
22 based on a formula adopted and approved by the local government members of the
23 district; and

24 (2) Appropriated or contracted state funds."

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- SECTION 3.**
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.