

Senate Bill 413

By: Senator Williams of the 27th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to
2 prohibit certain individuals employed by the office of the Governor from registering and
3 acting as a lobbyist and from being hired as a consultant by any agency or entity of the
4 executive branch of state government for a period of two years following the termination of
5 such individual's employment; to define a certain term; to provide for related matters; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in
10 Article 4 of Chapter 5, relating to public officials' conduct and lobbyist disclosure, by adding
11 a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "21-5-77.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'senior position' means the chief of staff,
14 executive counsel, chief finance officer, deputy chief of staff for policy, or deputy chief of
15 staff for communications, or any other staff member who is compensated at or above the
16 level of the lowest salary among such individuals.

17 (b) Individuals employed by the office of the Governor in a senior position shall be
18 prohibited from registering as a lobbyist or engaging in lobbying under this article for a
19 period of two years following the termination of such employment.

20 (c) Individuals employed by the office of the Governor in a senior position shall be
21 prohibited from being hired or contracting as a consultant with any agency or entity of the
22 executive branch of state government for a period of two years following the termination
23 of such employment."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.