

House Bill 486

By: Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Franklin of the 160th,
Stephens of the 164th, Park of the 107th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding state government, so as to designate the City of Incheon, South
3 Korea as the sister city-state of the State of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and
4 declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 8 (1) As of February 2020, Incheon was home to approximately 3 million residents,
9 making it the third most populous city in South Korea, following Seoul and Busan;
- 10 (2) Incheon is a major port city, serving as a crucial hub for international trade and
11 maritime commerce as well as the home to Incheon International Airport, one of the
12 busiest and most advanced airports in the world;
- 13 (3) Incheon has been designated as an "English City" and has implemented the "Incheon
14 Free English Zone" initiative, emphasizing global communication and education;
- 15 (4) Incheon has established sister city-state relationships with 39 cities around the world;
16 and

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17 (5) The State of Georgia recognizes the historical, cultural, and economic importance
18 of Incheon and commends its contributions to global engagement, commerce, and
19 cultural exchange.

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
22 provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
23 follows:

24 "50-1-14.

25 The City of Incheon, South Korea is designated as the official sister city-state of the State
26 of Georgia."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.