

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 979****ADOPTED SENATE****A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 retrocession of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, so as to provide for  
3 procedures for the retrocession of jurisdiction in certain circumstances; to provide for  
4 applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the retrocession  
9 of jurisdiction over lands owned by the United States, is amended as follows:

10 "50-2-27.

11 (a) The consent of this state is given to the retrocession of jurisdiction, either partially or  
12 wholly, by the United States over land owned by the United States within the boundaries  
13 of this state; and the Governor is authorized to accept for the state such retrocession of  
14 jurisdiction.

15 (b) ~~Retrocession of jurisdiction shall be effected upon written notice by the principal~~  
16 ~~officer of the agency of the United States having supervision and control over the land to~~

17 ~~the Governor, such notice describing the land by metes and bounds and specifying the~~  
18 ~~nature of the jurisdiction therein to be retroceded to the state and the entry of acceptance~~  
19 ~~upon the written notice by the Governor. The Governor shall not accept a request of~~  
20 ~~retrocession of jurisdiction unless the written request:~~

21 (1) States the name, position, and legal authority of the individual requesting the  
22 retrocession;

23 (2) Unambiguously states the subject matter for the concurrent jurisdiction request;

24 (3) Describes by metes and bounds the United States military installation subject to the  
25 concurrent legislative jurisdiction request; and

26 (4) Indicates whether the request includes future contiguous expansions of land acquired  
27 for military purposes.

28 (c) If the Governor accepts a request filed under subsection (b) of this Code section:

29 (1) The Governor's acceptance shall state each element of the request which is accepted;  
30 and

31 (2) The Governor shall submit the following documents to the appropriate recording  
32 office for indexing and submit copies of the following documents to the person who filed  
33 the request for concurrent legislative jurisdiction:

34 (A) The request for concurrent legislative jurisdiction;

35 (B) The Governor's written acceptance of concurrent legislative jurisdiction; and

36 (C) A description by metes and bounds of the United States military installation subject  
37 to the concurrent legislative jurisdiction.

38 (d) Upon request by the principal officer of the agency of the United States having  
39 supervision and control over the land, the Governor is authorized to execute appropriate  
40 documents to accomplish the retrocession granted by this Code section.

41 (e) Upon establishment of concurrent legislative jurisdiction under this Code section, a  
42 state agency, local government, or district may enter a reciprocal agreement with a United  
43 States agency to designate duties related to the concurrent legislative jurisdiction between

44 the parties. The duties authorized in such reciprocal agreement shall be limited to when  
45 alleged acts have been committed by persons under 17 years of age upon a United States  
46 military installation subject to concurrent jurisdiction."

47 **SECTION 2.**

48 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
49 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

50 "50-18-79.

51 (a) If any claim of an unlawful employment practice made against the General Assembly,  
52 the House of Representatives, the Senate, or any member, office, or employee thereof,  
53 including, but not limited to, a claim of sexual harassment, discriminatory harassment,  
54 discrimination, or retaliation, is resolved in whole or in part by a settlement agreement, a  
55 memorandum of agreement or understanding, or other similar document, however  
56 denominated, such agreement shall be subject to public disclosure with the claimant's  
57 identity redacted. For purposes of this subsection exclusively, the General Assembly shall  
58 be an agency. This subsection shall be applied retroactively.

59 (b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code  
60 section shall be construed or applied so as to subject the General Assembly to the  
61 provisions of Code Sections 50-18-70 through 50-18-78 or Chapter 14 of this title."

62 **SECTION 3.**

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

65 **SECTION 4.**

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