

House Bill 1310 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Williams of the 168th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cotton as the official state fabric; to provide
3 legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly of Georgia finds that:

- 8 (1) Cotton is a natural fiber used for cloth, batting, and bindings. The fabric is made from
9 either the weaving or knitting process;
- 10 (2) In clothing, it is known for its breathability, allowing air to circulate freely around
11 the skin. Cotton helps regulate body temperature, keeping skin cool and dry;
- 12 (3) Cotton is hypoallergenic and wearing it reduces skin irritations and is oftentimes
13 recommended by dermatologists;
- 14 (4) Wearing cotton prevents the addition of harmful microplastics to our air and water
15 that synthetic fiber leaves behind, leading to cleaner, healthier communities;

- 16 (5) Around one million acres of cotton is grown in nearly 100 of Georgia's 159 counties
17 every year contributing over \$3 billion annually to the economy of this state;
- 18 (6) Cotton is a vital component to healthy rural Georgia economies, which are based on
19 stable farm incomes; and
- 20 (7) May cotton continue to be the fabric of our lives in the great state of Georgia.

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
23 state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

24 "50-3-96.

25 Cotton is designated as the official Georgia state fabric."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.