

**HOUSING AUTHORITIES; CONSOLIDATION
OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

No. _____

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3, Article 1, of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to provide for consolidation of housing authorities into an existing housing authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia:

Section 1. Section 8-3-14(b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the governing body of each of two or more municipalities by resolution declares that there is a need for one housing authority for all of such municipalities to exercise in such municipalities the powers and other functions prescribed for a housing authority, a public body corporate and politic to be known as a consolidated housing authority (**which may be an existing housing authority designated by said municipalities**), with such corporate name as it selects, shall thereupon exist for all of such municipalities and exercise its powers and other functions within its area of operation as defined in this article, including the power to undertake projects therein. Upon the creation of a consolidated housing authority, any housing authority created for any of such municipalities (**other than a existing housing authority designated as the consolidated housing authority**) shall cease to exist except for the purpose of winding up its affairs and executing a deed of its real property to the consolidated housing authority.

Section 2. Section 8-3-14(c) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended to read as follows:

(c) **Except as otherwise provided in this Code section**, the creation of a consolidated housing authority and the finding of need therefor shall be subject to the same provisions and limitations as are applicable to the creation of a regional housing authority; and all of the provisions of this article applicable to regional housing authorities and the commissioners thereof shall be applicable to consolidated housing authorities and the commissioners thereof; **provided, however, that Code Section 8-3-107 shall not be applicable to the consolidation of housing authorities into an existing housing authority, and** provided further that the area of operation of a consolidated housing authority shall include all of the territory within the boundaries of each municipality joining in the creation of such authority together with the territory within ten

miles of the boundaries of each such municipality; and provided, further, that for all such purposes, the term 'county' shall be construed as meaning 'municipality,' the term 'governing body' in Code Section 8-3-106 shall be construed as meaning 'mayor or other executive head of the municipality,' and the terms 'county housing authority' and 'regional housing authority' shall be construed as meaning 'housing authority of the city' and 'consolidated housing authority,' respectively.

Section 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.