

House Bill 1016

By: Representative Bennett of the 80th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ethics in government, so as to prohibit the mailing of any literature in connection with any political campaign for any public office which clearly advocates the election or defeat of a specific candidate unless such literature bears the name of the person or organization mailing such literature if the mailing is done in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's campaign committee, or their agents, or a political party or body or its agents; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ethics in government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-5-16.

(a) No person shall mail or cause to be mailed any literature in connection with any political campaign for any public office which clearly advocates the election or defeat of a specific candidate unless such literature bears the name of the person or organization mailing or causing the same to be mailed if such mailing is done in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's campaign committee, or their agents, or a political party or body or its agents.

(b) Any person who violates this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.