

House Bill 1137

By: Representative Kendrick of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-7-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form
2 of indictment by grand jury, so as to prohibit the disclosure of grand juror names; to provide
3 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 17-7-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form of
7 indictment by grand jury, is amended as follows:

8 "17-7-54.

9 (a) Every indictment of the grand jury which states the offense in the terms and language
10 of this Code or so plainly that the nature of the offense charged may easily be understood
11 by the jury shall be deemed sufficiently technical and correct. The form of every
12 indictment shall be substantially as follows:

13 'Georgia, _____ County.

14 The grand jurors selected, chosen, and sworn for the County of _____, to-wit:
15 _____, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse
16 (name of the accused) of the county and state aforesaid with the offense of

17 _____; for that the said (name of the accused) (state with sufficient certainty
18 the offense and the time and place of committing the same), contrary to the laws of said
19 state, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof.'

20 (b) If there should be more than one count, each additional count shall state:

21 'And the jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge
22 and accuse (name of the accused) with having committed the offense of
23 _____; for that the said (name of the accused) (state with sufficient certainty
24 the offense and the time and place of committing the same) contrary to the laws of said
25 state, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof.'"

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.