

House Bill 203

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 24th and Jasperse of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to protection of American Indian Human Remains and Burial Objects,
3 so as to remove certain information associated with recognized legitimate American Indian
4 Tribes of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to protection of American Indian Human Remains and Burial Objects, is amended
10 by revising Code Section 44-12-300, relating to tribes, bands, groups, or communities
11 recognized by the state as legitimate American Indian Tribes, as follows:

12 "44-12-300.

13 (a) The State of Georgia officially recognizes as legitimate American Indian tribes of
14 Georgia the following tribes, bands, groups, or communities:

15 (1) The Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee

16 ~~P.O. Box 1993~~

17 ~~Dahlonega, Georgia 30533;~~

18 (2) The Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe

19 ~~Route 2, Box 370~~

20 ~~Whigham, Georgia 31797; and~~

21 (3) The Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council

22 ~~Saint George, Georgia 31646.~~

23 (b) The General Assembly may recognize tribes, bands, groups, or communities other than
24 those stated in subsection (a) of this Code section as the General Assembly deems
25 appropriate."

26 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.