

House Bill 651

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to provide
2 transit services throughout the county, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5315), so
3 as to provide for authority to provide such services; to repeal and reserve a provision
4 allowing a city to exclude itself from provisions of the Act; to provide for authority to create
5 a special district for transit services; to provide for intergovernmental agreements related to
6 new transit services in incorporated areas; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to provide transit
10 services throughout the county, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5315), is amended
11 by revising Section 1 as follows:

12 **"Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County is authorized to provide
13 transit services within any portion or portions of the unincorporated area of Chatham
14 County and within any portion or portions of any incorporated area of Chatham County,
15 provided that any new transit services provided to an incorporated area of the county that
16 was not provided transit services on or before the effective date of this Act shall only be

17 provided pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between Chatham County and such
18 municipality. In carrying out this function the Board of Commissioners of Chatham
19 County may contract with a transit authority."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by repealing and reserving Section 2.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

24 **"Section 3.** (a) The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County may create a special
25 district for transit services, which may include all, any portion, or none of the
26 unincorporated area of Chatham County or all, any portion, or none of the areas within the
27 municipalities of Chatham County, as provided for in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI
28 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to raise funds for the provision of transit services
29 within such district.

30 (b) If such special district includes a portion or portions of Chatham County lying within
31 the corporate boundaries of the City of Savannah, then such special district shall also
32 include other portions of Chatham County.

33 (c) After the effective date of this Act, such special district shall not be expanded into any
34 municipality that was not included within such special district on such date without such
35 municipality agreeing to such expansion in an intergovernmental agreement with Chatham
36 County and a transit authority.

37 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the Board of Commissioners of
38 Chatham County from financially supporting the provision of transit services within such
39 county from any funds of such county."

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SECTION 4.

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