

House Bill 817

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Burnough of the 77th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to special purpose grand juries, so as to revise provisions regarding
3 special grand jury impaneling procedures; to provide for a definition; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to special purpose grand juries, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code
9 Section 15-12-100, relating to procedure for impaneling special grand jury, number of jurors,
10 foreperson, and powers of jury, as follows:

11 "(a) The chief judge of the superior court of any county to which this part applies, on his
12 or her own motion, on motion or petition of the district attorney, or on petition of any
13 elected state official or elected public official of the county or of a municipality lying
14 wholly or partially within the county, may request the judges of the superior court of the
15 county to impanel a special grand jury for the purpose of investigating any alleged
16 violation of the laws of this state or any other matter subject to investigation by grand juries

17 as provided by law. As used in this subsection the term 'elected state official' means any
18 official elected to serve in a state-level position and shall include members of the General
19 Assembly and any official elected to serve in a constitutionally created state-wide
20 executive or judicial position."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.