

House Bill 850

By: Representative Ridley of the 6<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-5-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions regarding government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise a  
3 definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 21-5-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 regarding government transparency and campaign finance, is amended by revising  
9 paragraph (22) as follows:

10 "(22) 'Public officer' means:

11 (A) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,  
12 Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Insurance,  
13 and State School Superintendent;

14 (B) Every other elected state official not listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

15 (C) The executive head of every state department or agency, whether elected or  
16 appointed;

- 17 (D) Each member of the General Assembly;
- 18 (E) The executive director of each state board, commission, council, or authority and  
19 the members thereof;
- 20 (F) Every elected county official and every elected member of a local board of  
21 education; ~~and~~
- 22 (G) Every elected municipal official; ~~and~~
- 23 (H) Any employee of the legislative or executive branch who has a member of the  
24 family that is a registered lobbyist."

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.