

House Bill 961

By: Representatives Hanson of the 80th and Taylor of the 79th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 organization of county government, so as to provide that the chief executive officer/county
3 commission form of government shall not be authorized for county governing authorities in
4 this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for the transition of existing chief executive
5 officer/county commission types of county governing authorities; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of
10 county government, is amended by revising Article 1, which was previously reserved, as
11 follows:

12 "ARTICLE 1

13 36-5-1.

14 As used in this article, the term 'chief executive officer/county commission form of
15 government' shall mean a form of county government in which there is an official elected
16 county wide whose powers include directing the administration of county affairs and
17 vetoing matters voted upon by the county commission and a county commission which
18 enacts ordinances and resolutions for the governance of the county. This article shall not
19 apply to consolidated governments. Reserved.

20 36-5-2.

21 (a) The chief executive officer/county commission form of government shall not be
22 authorized for county governing authorities in this state.

23 (b) Unless otherwise provided by a local Act which is consistent with subsection (a) of this
24 Code section, the governing authority of each county which has an existing chief executive
25 officer/county commission form of government on July 1, 2018, shall continue in existence
26 until the end of the term of office to which the chief executive officer in office on July 1,
27 2018, was elected. At the conclusion of such term of office, the chief executive officer
28 position shall be abolished with the county commission becoming the county governing
29 authority and the duties and responsibilities of the office of chief executive officer being
30 transferred to the chairperson of the county commission."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.