

Senate Bill 233

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Stone of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,
2 so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for related matters; to
3 provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
8 by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

9 "CHAPTER 15A

10 50-15A-1.

11 The provisions of 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B as such existed on January 1, 2017, regarding
12 government burdens on the free exercise of religion, shall in like manner apply to this state
13 or any political subdivision thereof."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.