

House Bill 1217 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 116th, and Bell of the 75th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To restrict and limit the powers of Clayton County to deny county services to a resident of
2 such county on the basis of any private debts owed by the resident to another private party;
3 to recite constitutional authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The governing authority of Clayton County shall not have the power to authorize or approve
8 the denial of any service provided by the county government to any resident of such county
9 based solely upon the fact that such resident currently owes a private debt to a private party.
10 The governing authority of Clayton County shall also ensure that all departments of the
11 county government shall not deny services to any resident of such county based upon a debt
12 owed to a private party. Nothing in this Act shall apply to situations where a resident of the
13 county owes a debt to such county, or to the United States, the State of Georgia, or any
14 agency, authority, department, office, or political subdivision thereof.

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SECTION 2.

16 This Act is enacted pursuant to the authority given to the General Assembly in Section 1 of
17 an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia authorizing the licensing and regulation of
18 businesses in the unincorporated areas of Clayton County, (Ga. L. 1963, p. 679), duly ratified
19 at the general election in 1964, and continued in force and effect pursuant to an Act approved
20 on March 25, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4762), which provides that the General Assembly may
21 at any time modify, alter, restrict, and limit powers granted in such Act and may prescribe
22 the manner and means by which such powers granted may be exercised by said governing
23 authority.

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.