

House Bill 711

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Holly of the 111th, Kausche of the 50th, Hutchinson of the 107th, Smith of the 41st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3A of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 integrated resource planning, so as to provide for decertification of coal-fired power plants
3 from the electric power generation mix; to provide for decertification of electric transmission
4 lines no longer in use; to eliminate fossil fuel power plants from the electric power
5 generation mix; to accelerate depreciation schedules for gas-fired and petroleum-fired power
6 plants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 3A of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to integrated
10 resource planning, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "46-3A-9.1.

12 (a) On or before December 31, 2030, the commission shall:

13 (1) Decertify all coal-fired power plants from the electric power generation mix. This
14 does not include the costs associated with decommissioning and remediation of such
15 power plants. The commission shall allow, in electric rates, all decommissioning and
16 remediation costs prudently incurred by any electric utility for each coal-fired power
17 plant; and

18 (2) Decertify electric transmission lines owned by an investor owned utility when the
19 commission finds the electric transmission line is no longer in use or useful and there is
20 no reasonable likelihood that the electric transmission line will be utilized in the future.
21 The adjusted appreciation schedule shall require such a coal-fired power plant or electric
22 transmission line to be fully depreciated on or before December 31, 2030.

23 (b) On or before December 31, 2040, the commission shall:

24 (1) Eliminate all fossil fuel power plants from the electric power generation mix; and
25 (2) Accelerate depreciation schedules for any gas-fired or petroleum-fired power plant."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.