

House Bill 1045

By: Representative Amerson of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of sheriff of Lumpkin County; to provide
2 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 (a) In the event of a vacancy in the office of sheriff of Lumpkin County, the chief deputy
6 sheriff of Lumpkin County shall act as sheriff until the vacancy can be filled in accordance
7 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. If there is no chief deputy sheriff at the
8 time of such vacancy, the judge of the probate court of Lumpkin County, within five working
9 days after the date such vacancy occurs, shall appoint a law enforcement officer of the county
10 who is a Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council certified peace officer to act
11 as sheriff until the vacancy can be filled in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.
12 The sheriff of any adjoining county is authorized to act as sheriff until the judge of the
13 probate court or the Governor makes the appointment provided for in this Act.

14 (b) If at the time the vacancy occurs there are more than six months remaining in the
15 unexpired term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term
16 at a special election to be called by the county election superintendent; and the person acting
17 as sheriff under subsection (a) of this section shall act until a successor is so elected for the
18 remainder of the unexpired term. If at the time the vacancy occurs there are six months or
19 less remaining in the unexpired term of office, the person acting as sheriff under subsection
20 (a) of this section shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of office.

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.