

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Starr of the 44<sup>th</sup> and Hecht of the 34<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To abolish the office of coroner of Clayton County and establish in its place the office of  
2 medical examiner of Clayton County pursuant to Code Section 45-16-80 of the O.C.G.A.;  
3 to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Pursuant to Code Section 45-16-80 of the O.C.G.A., the office of coroner of Clayton County  
8 is abolished and there is established in lieu thereof the office of medical examiner of Clayton  
9 County. The medical examiner shall have the qualifications, compensation, functions,  
10 powers, rights, and duties and shall serve and be appointed as specified in said Code section.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 If the office of coroner of Clayton County is vacant on the date on which this Act is approved  
13 by the Governor or becomes law without such approval, then this Act shall become effective  
14 on that date. If the office of coroner is not vacant on that date but becomes vacant prior to  
15 January 1, 2005, then this Act shall become effective on the date on which the office  
16 becomes vacant. Otherwise, this Act shall become effective January 1, 2005. In no event  
17 shall any election be held or appointment be made to fill any vacancy in the office of coroner  
18 of Clayton County on or after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or  
19 becomes law without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.