

House Bill 762

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd and Snow of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of sheriff of Catoosa 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 Catoosa County, the chief deputy
6 sheriff of Catoosa 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 Catoosa 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 If the judge of the probate court fails to appoint a person to act as sheriff within five working
13 days after the date the vacancy occurs, then the Governor shall appoint a law enforcement
14 officer of the county who is a Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council
15 certified peace officer to act as sheriff until the vacancy can be filled in accordance with
16 subsection (b) of this section. The sheriff of any adjoining county is authorized to act as
17 sheriff until the judge of the probate court or the Governor makes the appointment provided
18 for in this Act.

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

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.