

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HB 190:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of State, so as to create the Commission for
3 the Celebration of 250 Years of Representative Government in Georgia; to provide for the
4 membership of the commission and the powers and duties of the commission and the
5 Secretary of State; to provide for expenses; to provide for matters relating to the celebration
6 of 250 years of representative government in Georgia; to provide an effective date; to provide
7 for abolition of the commission; to provide for the repeal of the laws relating to such
8 commission and the powers and duties of the commission and the powers and duties of the
9 Secretary of State connected with such celebration; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

12 Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
13 powers and duties of the Secretary of State, is amended by adding at the end of said article
14 a new Code Section 45-13-29 to read as follows:
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16 "45-13-29.

17 (a) There is created the Commission for the Celebration of 250 Years of Representative
18 Government in Georgia. The commission is created for the purpose of ensuring a proper
19 recognition of 250 years of representative government in this state. The commission shall
20 be composed of the Secretary of State, three members appointed by the Governor, three
21 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, three members appointed by the Speaker
22 of the House of Representatives, and three members appointed by the Secretary of State.
23 The Secretary of State shall serve as chairperson. In appointing members of the
24 commission, the appointing authorities shall include representatives of the Georgia
25 Humanities Council, the Georgia Historical Society, the Carl Vinson Institute of

1 Government, and other organizations, governmental bodies, and entities having an interest
2 in the history and function of representative government in Georgia.

3 (b) The commission shall carry out the plans recommended by the Committee for the
4 Celebration of 250 Years of Representative Government in Georgia, created pursuant to
5 a resolution approved May 1, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 1892), coordinate appropriate
6 measures, activities, and observances to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the
7 establishment of elected representative government in Georgia, and recommend any actions
8 or legislation which the commission deems appropriate. The commission is authorized to
9 adopt a logo or mark and authorize its use in connection with events, projects, advertising,
10 public service announcements, educational materials, and other appropriate uses. The
11 commission is authorized to encourage, assist, and coordinate the activities of the
12 departments, agencies, and educational institutions of this state and associations, societies,
13 business entities, groups, and individuals to ensure an appropriate celebration of this
14 anniversary and to provide coordination, advice, and encouragement to local governments
15 and school systems in recognizing this anniversary. The commission shall promote and
16 assist in the publicizing of the events surrounding the establishment of representative
17 government in Georgia. The commission is authorized to enter into contracts with state
18 and local governments, school systems, institutions of higher education, and private parties
19 in connection with the powers and duties of the commission. The commission and the
20 Secretary of State are authorized to accept gifts, grants, and appropriations from any
21 source, public or private, and to use the proceeds therefrom for the purposes of the
22 commission. Any funds of the commission remaining unexpended on January 8, 2002,
23 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

24 (c) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may
25 deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
26 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section.

27 (d) The members of the commission who are not otherwise employees or officials of the
28 state are authorized to receive the daily expense allowance authorized by subsection (b) of
29 Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for each day actually
30 spent in attending meetings of the commission but shall receive the same for not more than
31 five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the
32 provisions of this Code section shall come from the funds appropriated or otherwise
33 available to the commission or the Secretary of State for such purpose.

34 (e) The commission created by this Code section shall stand abolished on January 8, 2002.
35 This Code section shall be repealed on January 8, 2002."

SECTION 2.

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This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

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