

House Bill 200

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 13 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, so as to change the provisions relating to  
3 the establishment of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission; to change the  
4 composition of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission; to provide for related  
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 13 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia  
9 Public Telecommunications Commission, is amended by striking Code Section 20-13-2,  
10 relating to the composition of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, and  
11 inserting in its place a new Code Section 20-13-2 to read as follows:

12 "20-13-2.

13 (a) The commission shall be composed of nine members, who shall be appointed as  
14 follows: by the Governor from the general public.

15 ~~(1) Six members from the general public chosen by the Governor;~~

16 ~~(2) The State School Superintendent, ex officio;~~

17 ~~(3) The chancellor of the university system, ex officio; and~~

18 ~~(4) The commissioner of technical and adult education, ex officio.~~

19 ~~Except for the State School Superintendent, the chancellor of the university system, and~~  
20 ~~the commissioner of technical and adult education, no No person may serve on the~~  
21 commission who is also an official, officer, or employee of the state or any of its agencies  
22 or instrumentalities or an official, officer, employee, or representative of any public school  
23 system.

24 ~~(b) The initial terms of office of the members chosen from the general public shall be for~~  
25 ~~two members' terms to expire on June 30, 1992, two members' terms to expire on June 30,~~  
26 ~~1993, and the remaining two members' terms to expire on June 30, 1994. The Governor~~  
27 ~~shall determine which of such appointees shall serve for which terms. The term of office~~

1 for members shall be four years, except for those members whose initial terms begin on  
2 July 1, 2001, which terms shall expire on June 30, 2002. Thereafter, their successors shall  
3 serve for terms of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

4 (c) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson.

5 (d) Vacancies which occur in the ~~appointed~~ membership of the commission shall be filled  
6 by the Governor."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 20-13-3, relating to remuneration  
9 for commission members, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 20-13-3 to read as  
10 follows:

11 "20-13-3.

12 The ~~appointed~~ members of the commission shall receive for each day of service expended  
13 as a member of the commission the per diem and expense allowances authorized for  
14 members of other state boards and commissions, as provided by Code Section 45-7-21."

15 **SECTION 3.**

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