

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.