

Senate Bill 47

By: Senators Clay of the 37th and Hamrick of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 42-9-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 procedure for granting relief from sentence, conditions and prerequisites, and violation of  
3 parole, so as to provide that the written decision of the Board of Pardons and Paroles in each  
4 case shall be made public; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 42-9-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure  
8 for granting relief from sentence, conditions and prerequisites, and violation of parole, is  
9 amended by striking in its entirety subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
10 "(b) A grant of clemency, pardon, parole, or other relief from sentence shall be rendered  
11 only by a written decision which shall be signed by at least the number of board members  
12 required for the relief granted and which shall become a part of the permanent record. Such  
13 signed written decision shall be made public within seven days after the decision is made."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.