

House Bill 582

By: Representatives Sims of the 130th, Hill of the 81st and Bordeaux of the 125th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to change certain provisions
3 relating to notification of a decision to parole an inmate; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, is amended by striking Code Section 42-9-47,
9 relating to notification of a decision to parole an inmate, and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:

11 "42-9-47.

12 Within 72 hours after the board reaches a final decision to parole an inmate, the district
13 attorney, the presiding judge, the sheriff of each county in which the inmate was tried,
14 convicted, and sentenced, the local law enforcement authorities of the county of the last
15 residence of the inmate prior to incarceration, and the victim of crimes against the person
16 shall be notified of the decision by the chairman of the board. Such notice to the victim
17 shall be mailed to the victim's address as provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section
18 17-10-1.1. Failure of the prosecuting attorney to provide an address of the victim or failure
19 of the victim to inform the board of a change of address shall not void a parole date set by
20 the board. Upon receiving such notice from the chairman of the board, the sheriff of each
21 county in which the inmate was tried, convicted, and sentenced shall attempt forthwith to
22 provide notice of the board's decision to parole the inmate by personal delivery, telephone
23 call, or facsimile transmission to the person who served as lead prosecuting attorney in
24 such trial and the person who made the arrest which led to such conviction."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.