

House Bill 675

By: Representatives Jones of the 38th, Hines of the 35th, Burkhalter of the 36th, Campbell of the 39th and Sheldon of the 71st, Post 2

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to filling of vacancies by appointment of the Governor, so as to specify a limited
3 period when certain judicial vacancies shall not be filled; to provide an exception; to define
4 a term; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 filling of vacancies by appointment of the Governor, is amended by inserting a new Code
9 section to read as follows:

10 "45-12-50.1.

11 No vacancy in a judicial office which is required by Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph III
12 of the Constitution to be filled by appointment of the Governor shall be filled during the
13 period after a Governor-elect has been duly declared and before the inauguration of such
14 Governor-elect unless the Governor and the Governor-elect are the same person. As used
15 in this Code section, the term 'Governor-elect' has the meaning provided by Code Section
16 45-12-192."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.