

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 final 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.
13 Within three business days of the board's final decision, the names of the inmate and of the
14 board members voting to parole that inmate shall be made public."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.