

House Bill 1292

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as to increase the number of
3 members of the council to 20; to add the president of the Georgia Chapter of the National
4 Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives or his or her designee to the voting
5 members of the council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 35-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
10 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, is amended by striking subsections (a) and
11 (b) and inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

12 "(a) The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council is established. The council
13 shall consist of ~~19~~ 20 voting members and five advisory members.

14 (b) The voting members shall consist of:

15 (1) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General, the commissioner of
16 public safety or his or her designee, the director of investigation of the Georgia Bureau
17 of Investigation or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs
18 of Police or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Sheriffs Association or his
19 or her designee, the president of the Georgia Municipal Association or his or her
20 designee, the president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his or her
21 designee, the president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia or his or her
22 designee, the president of the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law
23 Enforcement Executives or his or her designee, the commissioner of corrections or his
24 or her designee, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or his or her
25 designee, and the president of the Georgia Prison Wardens Association or his or her
26 designee, who shall be ex officio members of the council;

1 (2) Six members who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years, their
2 initial appointments, however, being two for four-year terms, two for three-year terms,
3 and two for two-year terms. Appointments shall be made so that there are always on the
4 council the following persons who are appointed by the Governor: one chief of police;
5 two municipal police officers other than a chief of police; one county sheriff; one city
6 manager or mayor; and one county commissioner. No person shall serve beyond the time
7 he or she holds the office or employment by reason of which he or she was initially
8 eligible for appointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
9 appointment and successors shall serve for the unexpired term. Any member may be
10 appointed for additional terms; and

11 (3) Two members who are peace officers and who shall be appointed by the Governor
12 for terms of four years. Neither person shall serve beyond the time he or she is actively
13 employed or serves as a peace officer. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
14 original appointment and successors shall serve for the unexpired term."

15 **SECTION 2.**

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