

House Bill 744

By: Representatives Ray of the 136<sup>th</sup> and James of the 135<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Peach County, approved March 10,  
2 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2627), as amended, so as to provide for filling of vacancies in the  
3 board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Peach County, approved March 10, 1964 (Ga.  
7 L. 1964, p. 2627), as amended, is amended by striking Section 5 and inserting in lieu thereof  
8 the following:

9 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 5.

10 (a)(1) Any vacancy in office upon the board which occurs for any reason other than  
11 expiration of term shall be filled as follows:

12 (A) If the vacancy occurs during the final six months of a term of office, then within  
13 30 days after such occurrence a majority of remaining members of the board shall  
14 appoint a person to fill such vacancy; or

15 (B) If the vacancy occurs at any time prior to the time specified in subparagraph (A)  
16 of this paragraph, then the election superintendent shall call for a special election to fill  
17 such vacancy, which special election shall be held on the earliest date permissible under  
18 Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

19 (2) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in office pursuant to subparagraph (A) of  
20 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall meet the same eligibility requirements specified for  
21 persons who are elected to such office. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy under  
22 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection or elected to fill a vacancy under  
23 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve out the remainder of the  
24 unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.