

Senate Bill 116

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Williams of the 19th, Bulloch of the 11th and Hill of the 4th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the State Forestry Commission, so as to change provisions relating to  
3 the qualifications of the director of the commission; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to the State Forestry Commission, is amended by revising Code Section 12-6-11,  
9 relating to the director of the commission, as follows:

10 "12-6-11.

11 The commission shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, a  
12 director, who shall be the executive secretary and administrative officer of the commission.  
13 ~~As a qualification, such director shall have earned a minimum of a Bachelor of Science~~  
14 ~~degree in forestry.~~ When seeking candidates for the position of director, emphasis shall be  
15 placed on identifying individuals who hold a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry or who  
16 have significant experience in forest management. The director shall receive a salary fixed  
17 by the commission plus actual expenses as provided for other state officials and employees  
18 and shall hold office at the pleasure of the commission. The present director shall continue  
19 to serve until removed by the commission."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
22 without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.