

House Bill 669

By: Representatives Williams of the 178<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>

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 establishment of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as to change  
3 certain provisions relating to the membership of the council; to provide for related matters;  
4 to provide an effective date; 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 Code Section 35-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment  
8 of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, is amended by revising  
9 subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(b) The voting members shall consist of:

11 (1) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General, the commissioner of  
12 public safety or his or her designee, the director of investigation of the Georgia Bureau  
13 of Investigation or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs  
14 of Police or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Sheriffs Association or his  
15 or her designee, the president of the Georgia Municipal Association or his or her  
16 designee, the president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his or her  
17 designee, the president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia or his or her  
18 designee, the president of the Police Benevolent Association of Georgia or his or her  
19 designee, the commissioner of corrections or his or her designee, the chairperson of the  
20 State Board of Pardons and Paroles or his or her designee, and the president of the  
21 Georgia Prison Wardens Association or his or her designee, who shall be ex officio  
22 members of the council;

23 (2) Six members who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years, their  
24 initial appointments, however, being two for four-year terms, two for three-year terms,  
25 and two for two-year terms. Appointments shall be made so that there are always on the  
26 council the following persons who are appointed by the Governor: one chief of police;

1 two municipal police officers other than a chief of police; one county sheriff; one city  
2 manager or mayor; and one county commissioner. No person shall serve beyond the time  
3 he or she holds the office or employment by reason of which he or she was initially  
4 eligible for appointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
5 appointment and successors shall serve for the unexpired term. Any member may be  
6 appointed for additional terms; and

7 (3) ~~Two members who are peace officers~~ One member who is a peace officer and who  
8 shall be appointed by the Governor for ~~terms~~ a term of four years. ~~Neither person shall~~  
9 The member shall not serve beyond the time he or she is actively employed or serves as  
10 a peace officer. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment  
11 and successors shall serve for the unexpired term."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

14 **SECTION 3.**

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