

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 84:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to eligibility for  
3 election as a local board of education member; to provide for legislative findings; to limit the  
4 size of local boards of education; to revise provisions relating to per diem and expenses of  
5 local board of education members; to revise certain provisions relating to the secretary of  
6 local boards of education; to provide for the fundamental roles of local boards of education  
7 and local school superintendents; to prohibit certain conflicts of interest of board members;  
8 to provide for a code of ethics for local board of education members; to provide for removal  
9 of board members under certain circumstances; to revise provisions relating to eligibility for  
10 appointment as a school superintendent; to revise provisions relating to training of local  
11 board of education members; to provide for submission of certain provisions of this Act for  
12 preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related  
13 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

16 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
17 secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 3, relating to local  
18 boards of education, to read as follows:

19 "20-2-49.

20 The General Assembly finds that local boards of education play a critical role in setting the  
21 policies that lead to the operation and success of local school systems. School board  
22 members hold special roles as trustees of public funds, including local, state, and federal  
23 funds, while they focus on the singular objective of ensuring each student in the local  
24 school system receives a quality basic education. Board duties require specialized skills  
25 and training in the performance of vision setting, policy making, approving multimillion  
26 dollar budgets, and hiring a qualified superintendent. The motivation to serve as a member

27 of a local board of education should be the improvement of schools and academic  
 28 achievement of all students. Service on a local board of education is important citizen  
 29 service. Given the specialized nature and unique role of membership on a local board of  
 30 education, this elected office should be characterized and treated differently from other  
 31 elected offices where the primary duty is independently to represent constituent views.  
 32 Local board of education members should abide by a code of conduct and conflict of  
 33 interest policy modeled for their unique roles and responsibilities. And although there are  
 34 many measures of the success of a local board of education, one is clearly essential:  
 35 maintaining accreditation and the opportunities it allows the school system's students."

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## SECTION 2.

37 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-51, relating to election of  
 38 county board of education members, persons ineligible to be members or superintendent,  
 39 ineligibility for local boards of education, and ineligibility for other offices, as follows:

40 "20-2-51.

41 (a) No person shall be eligible for election as a member of a local board of education who  
 42 is not a resident of the school district in which that person seeks election and of the election  
 43 district which such person seeks to represent. Whenever there is in a portion of any county  
 44 a local school system having a board of education of its own, receiving its pro rata of the  
 45 public school fund directly from the State School Superintendent and having no dealings  
 46 whatever with the local board, then the members of the board of such county shall be  
 47 selected from that portion of the county not embraced within the territory covered by such  
 48 local system.

49 (b) Whenever a member of a local board of education moves that person's domicile from  
 50 the district which that person represents, such person shall cease to be a member of such  
 51 local board of education, and a vacancy shall occur. The member shall provide notice of  
 52 such move to the secretary of the local board of education and the election superintendent  
 53 within ten days of such move.

54 (c)(1) No person ~~employed by or~~ serving on the governing body of a private elementary  
 55 or secondary educational institution shall be eligible to serve as a member of a local  
 56 board of education.

57 (2) No person employed by a local board of education shall be eligible to serve as a  
 58 member of that board of education.

59 (3) No person employed by the Department of Education or serving as a member of the  
 60 State Board of Education shall be eligible to serve as a member of a local board of  
 61 education. ~~This paragraph shall not apply to institutions above the high school level.~~

62 ~~(2)~~(4) No person who has an immediate family member sitting on a local board of  
 63 education or serving as the local school superintendent or as a principal, assistant  
 64 principal, or system administrative staff in the local school system shall be eligible to  
 65 serve as a member of such local board of education. As used in this paragraph, the term  
 66 'immediate family member' means a spouse, child, sibling, or parent or the spouse of a  
 67 child, sibling, or parent whose employment as the local school superintendent or as a  
 68 principal, assistant principal, or system administrative staff in the local school system  
 69 began on or after January 1, 2010. This paragraph shall apply only to local board of  
 70 education members elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2009. Nothing in this Code  
 71 section shall affect the employment of any person who is employed by a local school  
 72 system on or before July 1, 2009, or who is employed by a local school system when an  
 73 immediate family member becomes a local board of education member for that school  
 74 system.

75 (d) In all counties of this state having a population of not less than 500,000 or more than  
 76 600,000 according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census,  
 77 the members of the county boards of education taking office after December 1, 1975, shall  
 78 not hold any other elective governmental office. If any member of any such board should  
 79 qualify at any time after December 1, 1975, for nomination or election to any other elective  
 80 governmental office other than for membership on such county board, such member's  
 81 position on such county board shall thereby become vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled  
 82 as provided by the law applicable to any such county board.

83 (e) In addition to any other requirements provided by law, no person shall be eligible for  
 84 election as a member of a local board of education unless he or she:

- 85 (1) Has read and understands the code of ethics and the conflict of interest provisions  
 86 applicable to members of local boards of education and has agreed to abide by them; and  
 87 (2) Has agreed to annually disclose compliance with the State Board of Education's  
 88 policy on training for members of local boards of education, the code of ethics of the  
 89 local board of education, and the conflict of interest provisions applicable to members of  
 90 local boards of education.

91 Each person offering his or her candidacy for election as a member of a local board of  
 92 education shall file an affidavit with the officer before whom such person has qualified for  
 93 such election prior to or at the time of qualifying, which affidavit shall affirm that he or she  
 94 meets all of the qualifications required pursuant to this subsection. This subsection shall  
 95 apply only to local board of education members elected or appointed on or after July 1,  
 96 2010.

97 ~~(e)~~(f) No person who is on the National Sex Offender Registry or the state sexual offender  
 98 registry shall be eligible for election to or service on a local board of education."

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**SECTION 3.**

100 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-52, relating to terms of office  
101 of members of local boards of education, as follows:

102 "20-2-52.

103 (a) Members of local boards of education shall be elected for terms of four years unless  
104 their terms are otherwise provided by local Act or constitutional amendment.

105 (b)(1) Each local board of education shall have no more than seven members as provided  
106 by local Act.

107 (2) This subsection shall not apply to a local board of education whose board size  
108 exceeds seven members as provided by local constitutional amendment or federal court  
109 order or pursuant to a local law in effect prior to July 1, 2010; provided, however, that if  
110 the local law of any such local board of education is amended to revise the number of  
111 members on such board, paragraph (1) of this subsection shall apply."

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**SECTION 4.**

113 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-55, relating  
114 to per diem, insurance, and expenses of local board members, as follows:

115 "(a)(1) In any local school system for which no local Act is passed, members of the local  
116 board of education shall, when approved by the local board affected, receive a per diem  
117 of \$50.00 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board and while meeting and  
118 traveling within or outside the state as a member of a committee of the board on official  
119 business first authorized by a majority of the board, plus reimbursement for actual  
120 expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith; provided, however, that in any  
121 independent school system with a full-time equivalent (FTE) program count of less than  
122 4,000 students for which no local Act is passed, members of the local board of education  
123 may, when approved by the affected local board, receive a per diem of not less than  
124 \$50.00 and not more than \$100.00 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board  
125 and while meeting and traveling within or outside the state as a member of a committee  
126 of the board, plus reimbursement for actual expenses. The accounts for such service and  
127 expenses shall be submitted for approval to the local school superintendent. In all school  
128 districts, the compensation of members of local boards shall be paid only from the local  
129 tax funds available to local boards for educational purposes. This paragraph shall apply  
130 only to local board of education members elected or appointed prior to July 1, 2010.

131 (2) In any local school system for which no local Act is passed, members of the local  
132 board of education shall, when approved by the local board affected, receive a per diem  
133 of \$50.00 for each day of attendance at a meeting, as defined in paragraph (2) of  
134 subsection (a) of Code Section 50-14-1, of the board, plus reimbursement for actual

135 expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith; provided, however, that in any  
 136 independent school system with a full-time equivalent (FTE) program count of less than  
 137 4,000 students for which no local Act is passed, members of the local board of education  
 138 may, when approved by the affected local board, receive a per diem of not less than  
 139 \$50.00 and not more than \$100.00 for each day of attendance at a meeting, as defined in  
 140 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-14-1, of the board, plus  
 141 reimbursement for actual expenses. The accounts for such service and expenses shall be  
 142 submitted for approval to the local school superintendent. In all school districts, the  
 143 compensation of members of local boards shall be paid only from the local tax funds  
 144 available to local boards for educational purposes. This paragraph shall apply only to  
 145 local board of education members elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2010."

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### SECTION 5.

147 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-57, relating  
 148 to organization of county boards of education, as follows:

149 "(a) Unless otherwise provided by local law or, in the absence of local law, by local board  
 150 policy, upon being called together by one of their number, the members of the local board  
 151 shall organize by selecting one of their number as chairperson to serve as such during the  
 152 term for which that person was chosen as a member of the local board. The local school  
 153 superintendent shall act as secretary of the local board, ex officio. A majority of the local  
 154 board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The votes of a majority of  
 155 the members present shall be necessary for the transaction of any business or discharge of  
 156 any duties of the local board of education, provided there is a quorum present. Any action  
 157 taken by less than a majority of the board members may be rescinded by a majority of the  
 158 board members at the next regular meeting or within 30 days of such action, whichever is  
 159 later. It shall be the duty of the superintendent ~~or the board's nominee~~ as secretary to be  
 160 present at the meetings of the local board, to keep the minutes of its meetings and make a  
 161 permanent record of them, and to do any other clerical work it may direct the  
 162 superintendent to do. The superintendent ~~or the board's nominee~~ shall ~~record~~ cause to be  
 163 recorded in a book, to be provided for the purpose, all official proceedings of the local  
 164 board, which shall be a public record open to the inspection of any person interested  
 165 therein; and all such proceedings, when so recorded, shall be signed by the chairperson and  
 166 countersigned by the secretary."

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### SECTION 6.

168 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-61, which is reserved, as  
 169 follows:

170 "20-2-61.

171 ~~Reserved.~~

172 (a) The fundamental role of a local board of education shall be to establish policy for the  
 173 local school system with the focus on student achievement. The fundamental role of a  
 174 local school superintendent shall be to implement the policy established by the local board.

175 It shall not be the role of the local board of education or individual members of such board  
 176 to micromanage the superintendent in executing his or her duties, but it shall be the duty  
 177 of the local board to hold the local school superintendent accountable in the performance  
 178 of his or her duties. Local board of education members should work together with the  
 179 entire local board of education and shall not have authority as independent elected officials  
 180 but shall only be authorized to take official action as members of the board as a whole.  
 181 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter, limit, expand, or enlarge any powers,  
 182 duties, or responsibilities of local boards of education, local board members, or local school  
 183 superintendents.

184 (b) Except as may be allowed by law, no local board of education shall delegate or attempt  
 185 to delegate its policy-making functions."

186 **SECTION 7.**

187 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-63, which is reserved, as  
 188 follows:

189 "20-2-63.

190 ~~Reserved.~~

191 (a)(1) No local board of education member shall use or attempt to use his or her official  
 192 position to secure unwarranted privileges, advantages, or employment for himself or  
 193 herself, his or her immediate family member, or others.

194 (2) No local board of education member shall act in his or her official capacity in any  
 195 matter where he or she, his or her immediate family member, or a business organization  
 196 in which he or she has an interest has a direct or material indirect financial interest that  
 197 might reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity or independence of  
 198 judgment. Compliance with Code Section 20-2-505 shall not constitute a violation of this  
 199 paragraph.

200 (3) No local board of education member, his or her immediate family member, or a  
 201 business organization in which he or she has an interest shall solicit or accept any gift,  
 202 favor, loan, political contribution, service, promise of future employment, or other thing  
 203 of value based upon an understanding that the gift, favor, loan, contribution, service,  
 204 promise, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him  
 205 or her, directly or indirectly, in the discharge of his or her official duties. This paragraph

206 shall not apply to the solicitation or acceptance of contributions to the campaign of an  
207 announced candidate for elective public office if the local board of education member has  
208 no knowledge or reason to believe that the campaign contribution, if accepted, was given  
209 with the intent to influence the local board of education member in the discharge of his  
210 or her official duties. For purposes of this paragraph, a gift, favor, loan, contribution,  
211 service, promise, or other thing of value shall not include the items contained in  
212 subparagraphs (a)(2)(A) through (a)(2)(J) of Code Section 16-10-2.

213 (4) No local board of education member shall use, or allow to be used, his or her official  
214 position or any information not generally available to the members of the public which  
215 he or she receives or acquires in the course of and by reason of his or her official position  
216 for the purpose of securing financial gain for himself or herself, his or her immediate  
217 family member, or any business organization with which he or she is associated.

218 (5) No local board of education member or business organization in which he or she has  
219 an interest shall represent any person or party other than the local board of education or  
220 local school system in connection with any cause, proceeding, application, or other matter  
221 pending before the local school system in which he or she serves or in any proceeding  
222 involving the local school system in which he or she serves.

223 (6) No local board of education member shall be prohibited from making an inquiry for  
224 information on behalf of a constituent if no fee, reward, or other thing of value is  
225 promised to, given to, or accepted by the local board of education member or his or her  
226 immediate family member, whether directly or indirectly, in return therefor.

227 (7) No local board of education member shall disclose or discuss any information which  
228 is subject to attorney-client privilege belonging to the local board of education to any  
229 person other than other board members, the board attorney, the local school  
230 superintendent, or persons designated by the local school superintendent for such  
231 purposes unless such privilege has been waived by a majority vote of the whole board.

232 (8) No member of a local board of education may jointly serve as an officer of that local  
233 board and, at the same time, be an officer of any organization that sells goods or services  
234 to that local school system, except as provided in Code Section 20-2-505 and excluding  
235 nonprofit membership organizations.

236 (9) No local board of education member shall be deemed in conflict with this subsection  
237 if, by reason of his or her participation in any matter required to be voted upon, no  
238 material or monetary gain accrues to him or her as a member of any profession,  
239 occupation, or group to any greater extent than any gain could reasonably be expected to  
240 accrue to any other member of that profession, occupation, or group.

241 (b) Upon a motion supported by a two-thirds vote, a local board of education may choose  
242 to conduct a hearing concerning the violation by a local board of education member of any

243 conflict of interest provision in subsection (a) of this Code section. The local board of  
 244 education member accused of violating said provision shall have 30 days notice prior to a  
 245 hearing on the matter. Said accused member may bring witnesses on his or her behalf, and  
 246 the local board of education may call witnesses to inquire into the matter. If it is found by  
 247 a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board that the accused member has violated  
 248 a conflict of interest provision contained in subsection (a) of this Code section, the local  
 249 board shall determine an appropriate sanction. A board member subject to sanction  
 250 pursuant to this Code section may, within 30 days of such sanction vote, appeal such  
 251 decision to the State Board of Education, which shall be empowered to affirm or reverse  
 252 the decision to sanction such board member. The State Board of Education shall  
 253 promulgate rules governing such appeal process. This subsection shall apply only to local  
 254 board of education members elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2010.  
 255 (c) As used in this Code section, the term 'immediate family member' means a spouse,  
 256 child, sibling, or parent or the spouse of a child, sibling, or parent."

257 **SECTION 8.**

258 Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code sections to Article 3, relating to local  
 259 boards of education, to read as follows:

260 "20-2-72.

261 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a model code of ethics for members of local  
 262 boards of education by October 1, 2010. Such model code of ethics shall also include  
 263 appropriate consequences for violation of a provision or provisions of such code. The State  
 264 Board of Education may periodically adopt revisions to such model code as it deems  
 265 necessary.

266 (b) Within three months of adoption by the State Board of Education of a model code of  
 267 ethics pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, each local board of education shall  
 268 adopt a code of ethics that includes, at a minimum, such model code of ethics. Each local  
 269 board of education shall incorporate into its code of ethics any revisions adopted by the  
 270 State Board of Education to the model code of ethics pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
 271 Code section within three months of adoption of such revisions.

272 20-2-73.

273 (a) Notwithstanding Code Section 20-2-54.1 or any other provisions of law to the contrary,  
 274 if a local school system or school is placed on the level of accreditation immediately  
 275 preceding loss of accreditation for school board governance related reasons by one or more  
 276 accrediting agencies included in subparagraph (6.1)(A) of Code Section 20-3-519, the State  
 277 Board of Education shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days nor more than 30 days



278 and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the local board  
279 of education with pay. If the State Board of Education makes such recommendation, the  
280 Governor may, in his or her discretion, suspend all eligible members of the local board of  
281 education with pay and, in consultation with the State Board of Education, appoint  
282 temporary replacement members who shall be otherwise qualified to serve as members of  
283 such board.

284 (b) Any local board of education member suspended under this Code section may petition  
285 the Governor for reinstatement no earlier than 30 days following suspension and no later  
286 than 60 days following suspension. In the event that a suspended member does not petition  
287 for reinstatement within the allotted time period, his or her suspension shall be converted  
288 into permanent removal, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent  
289 member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member.

290 (c) Upon petition for reinstatement by a suspended local board of education member, the  
291 Governor or his or her designated agent shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of receiving  
292 evidence relative to whether the local board of education member's continued service on  
293 the local board of education is more likely than not to improve the ability of the local  
294 school system or school to retain its accreditation. The appealing member shall be given  
295 at least 30 days notice prior to such hearing. Such hearing shall be held not later than 90  
296 days after the petition is filed and in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia  
297 Administrative Procedure Act,' except that the individual conducting the hearing shall have  
298 the power to call witnesses and request documents on his or her own initiative. For  
299 purposes of said chapter and any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section, the  
300 Governor shall be considered the 'agency' and the Attorney General or his or her designee  
301 shall represent the interests of the Governor in the hearing. If it is determined that it is  
302 more likely than not that the local board of education member's continued service on the  
303 local board of education improves the ability of the local school system or school to retain  
304 its accreditation, the member shall be immediately reinstated; otherwise, the member shall  
305 be permanently removed, and the temporary replacement member shall become a  
306 permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member or until  
307 the next general election, whichever is sooner. Judicial review of any such decision shall  
308 be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50.

309 (d) This Code section shall apply only to a local school system or school which is placed  
310 on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation on or after July  
311 1, 2010.

312 (e) This Code section shall apply only to local board of education members elected or  
313 appointed on or after July 1, 2010."

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**SECTION 9.**

315 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-101, relating  
316 to appointment of county school superintendents, as follows:

317 "(b)(1) No person shall be eligible to be appointed or employed as superintendent of  
318 schools of any county or independent school system unless such person is of good moral  
319 character, has never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and  
320 possesses acceptable business or management experience as specified by the Professional  
321 Standards Commission or the minimum valid certificate or a letter of eligibility for said  
322 certificate required by the Professional Standards Commission.

323 (2) No person shall be eligible to be appointed, employed, or to serve as superintendent  
324 of schools of any county or independent school system who has an immediate family  
325 member sitting on the local board of education for such school system or who has an  
326 immediate family member hired as or promoted to a principal, assistant principal, or  
327 system administrative staff on or after July 1, 2009, by that school system. As used in  
328 this subsection, the term 'immediate family member' ~~shall have the same meaning as~~  
329 ~~in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-51~~ means a spouse, child, sibling, or parent or  
330 the spouse of a child, sibling, or parent whose term as a member of the local board of  
331 education or whose employment as a principal, assistant principal, or system  
332 administrative staff in the local school system began on or after January 1, 2010.  
333 Nothing in this Code section shall affect the employment of any person who is  
334 employed by a local school system on or before July 1, 2009, or who is employed by  
335 a local school system when an immediate family member becomes the superintendent  
336 for that school system."

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**SECTION 10.**

338 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-230, relating  
339 to staff development programs, as follows:

340 "(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt a training program for members of local  
341 boards of education by July 1, 2011. The State Board of Education may periodically  
342 adopt revisions to such training program as it deems necessary.

343 (2) Within three months of adoption by the State Board of Education of a training  
344 program pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, each local board of education and  
345 each governing board of other local units of administration shall adopt a training program  
346 for members of such boards that includes, at a minimum, such training program and  
347 requirements established by the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
348 this subsection. Each local board of education shall incorporate any revisions adopted  
349 by the State Board of Education to the training program pursuant to paragraph (1) of this

350 ~~subsection within three months of adoption of such revisions. All new members of~~  
 351 ~~governing boards of local units of administration shall, before or within one year after~~  
 352 ~~assuming office, receive at least 12 hours of orientation to the educational program~~  
 353 ~~objectives of Georgia and instruction in school finance; school law, with special emphasis~~  
 354 ~~on the 'Quality Basic Education Act'; responsiveness to the community; the ethics, duties,~~  
 355 ~~and responsibilities of local governing board members; annual performance evaluation~~  
 356 ~~of the school superintendent and the local board of education; and such other topics as~~  
 357 ~~the State Board of Education may deem to be necessary; provided, however, that at least~~  
 358 ~~six of these 12 hours of training shall be specifically related to education finance,~~  
 359 ~~generally accepted accounting principles, and budgeting. The board of education of the~~  
 360 ~~Department of Juvenile Justice shall be exempt from the six hours of training in education~~  
 361 ~~finance, generally accepted accounting principles, and budgeting. All members of boards~~  
 362 ~~of local units of administration are required to participate in at least one day of training~~  
 363 ~~annually to ensure the effective management and operation of local units of~~  
 364 ~~administration. The Georgia Education Leadership Academy is authorized, in~~  
 365 ~~cooperation with the Georgia School Boards Association or other agencies and~~  
 366 ~~associations, to conduct workshops annually to provide such instruction and to present~~  
 367 ~~to each board member completing such annual workshop for the first time an appropriate~~  
 368 ~~certificate. The Georgia Education Leadership Academy shall adopt such procedures as~~  
 369 ~~may be necessary to verify the attendance at such annual workshops of veteran members~~  
 370 ~~of boards of local units of administration.~~

371 (3) All boards of local units of administration are authorized to pay such board members  
 372 for attendance at a required training program the same per diem as authorized by local  
 373 or general law for attendance at regular or special meetings, as well as reimbursement of  
 374 actual expenses for travel, lodging, meals, and registration fees for such ~~workshops~~  
 375 training, either before or after such board members assume office."

#### 376 SECTION 11.

377 The Attorney General of Georgia shall cause Sections 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this Act to be  
 378 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and  
 379 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the  
 380 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
 381 Governor or becomes law without such approval. If, as of June 30, 2011, implementation  
 382 of any of the submitted sections of this Act are not permissible under the Voting Rights Act  
 383 of 1965, as amended, then as of such date, such section or sections of this Act shall be void  
 384 and shall stand repealed in their entirety.

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**SECTION 12.**

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