

Senate Bill 190

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th, Cowser of the 46th, Butterworth of the 50th and Staton of the 18th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 state flag, seal, symbols, and language, so as to add provisions relating to the Georgia Capitol  
3 Museum; to provide for the transfer of the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum from  
4 the Secretary of State to the board of regents; to provide for powers and duties of the board  
5 of regents with respect to the museum; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the  
6 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Capitol Museum and the Capitol  
7 Art Standards Commission, so as to repeal and reserve Part 1, relating to operation of the  
8 Georgia Capitol Museum by the Secretary of State and so as to change the membership of  
9 the Capitol Art Standards Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
10 laws; and for other purposes.

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

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state flag,  
14 seal, symbols, and language, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

15 "ARTICLE 5

16 50-3-120.

17 The operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum which was formerly under the control and  
18 supervision of the Secretary of State shall as of July 1, 2011, be transferred to the Board  
19 of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The board of regents shall designate one  
20 or more persons to carry out any duties formerly carried out by the director of the museum.  
21 The transfer shall include all museum collections and property relating to the museum.

22 50-3-121.

23 The board of regents shall maintain the exhibits for the museum and may prepare and  
24 distribute publications concerning the museum's features, prepare semitechnical materials

25 for distribution to the schools of this state, conduct tours of the museum and state capitol,  
 26 and perform such other duties and functions as are ordinarily exercised in the operation of  
 27 a museum.

28 50-3-122.

29 The board of regents is authorized to receive, on behalf of the state, any grants, donations,  
 30 or gifts of money or property for use in the museum.

31 50-3-123.

32 Any funds appropriated for the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum may be  
 33 transferred as provided in Code Section 45-12-90."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
 36 Georgia Capitol Museum and the Capitol Arts Standards Commission, is amended by  
 37 repealing and reserving Part 1, relating to the Georgia Capitol Museum.

38 **SECTION 3.**

39 Said article is further amended in Code Section 45-13-70, relating to the Capitol Art  
 40 Standards Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows  
 41 "(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission shall be ~~comprised~~ composed of ~~15~~ 16  
 42 members. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom ~~one~~ shall be  
 43 designated as chairperson. Three members shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on  
 44 Assignments and three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 45 Representatives. One member each shall be appointed by the Georgia Historical Society,  
 46 the Georgia Council for the Humanities, and the Georgia Council for the Arts. One  
 47 member each shall be appointed by the Board of Regents of the University System of  
 48 Georgia and the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, each of whom shall be  
 49 proficient in the history of the State of Georgia. Each of the appointed members shall serve  
 50 two-year terms of office and shall be eligible to succeed themselves. In addition, the  
 51 director of the Georgia Capitol Museum or his or her designee and the Secretary of State  
 52 or his or her designee shall be a member of the commission. Vacancies in the positions of  
 53 appointed members of the commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired  
 54 term of office by the original appointing authority."

55 **SECTION 4.**

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