

Senate Bill 190

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

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the board of regents, so as to add provisions relating to the Georgia
3 Capitol Museum; to provide for the transfer of the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum
4 from the Secretary of State to the board of regents; to provide for powers and duties of the
5 board of regents with respect to the museum; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45
6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Capitol Museum and the
7 Capitol Art Standards Commission, so as to repeal and reserve Part 1, relating to operation
8 of the Georgia Capitol Museum by the Secretary of State and so as to change the membership
9 of 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 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to the board of regents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "20-3-40.

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

21 (b) The board of regents shall maintain the exhibits for the museum and may prepare and
22 distribute publications concerning the museum's features, prepare semitechnical materials
23 for distribution to the schools of this state, conduct tours of the museum and state capitol,
24 and perform such other duties and functions as are ordinarily exercised in the operation of
25 a museum.

26 (c) The board of regents is authorized to receive, on behalf of the state, any grants,
 27 donations, or gifts of money or property for use in the museum.
 28 (d) Any funds appropriated for the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum may be
 29 transferred as provided in Code Section 45-12-90."

30 **SECTION 2.**

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

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 Said article is further amended in Code Section 45-13-70, relating to the Capitol Art
 36 Standards Commission, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

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

51 **SECTION 4.**

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