

Senate Bill 486

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the State Transportation Board, so as to provide that a member of the State  
3 Transportation Board who seeks to qualify for elective office shall first resign from the  
4 board; to provide for the creation of a vacancy upon such member qualifying for elective  
5 office; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating  
6 to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that members of state  
7 boards or authorities who seek to qualify for elective office shall first resign from such board  
8 or authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
9 laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
13 State Transportation Board, is amended by revising Code Section 32-2-20, relating to  
14 composition of board, qualifications of members, terms of office, manner of selection of  
15 members, filling of vacancies, officers, meetings, and compensation of members, by adding  
16 a new subsection to read as follows:

17 "(b.1) Any member of the board who desires to seek elective office during such member's  
18 term of office on the board shall first resign from membership on the board prior to  
19 qualifying to seek such elective office; otherwise, such member's seat on the board shall  
20 be deemed vacated by operation of law upon such member qualifying to seek elective  
21 office."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
24 provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
25 follows:

26 "50-1-10.

27 (a) Any member of a state board or authority who desires to seek elective office during  
28 such member's term of office on such board or authority shall first resign from membership  
29 on such board or authority prior to qualifying to seek such elective office; otherwise, such  
30 member's seat on such board or authority shall be deemed vacated by operation of law upon  
31 such member qualifying to seek elective office.

32 (b) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to members of state boards or  
33 authorities who are subject to the provisions of Article II, Section II, Paragraph V, of the  
34 Georgia Constitution."

35 **SECTION 3.**

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

38 **SECTION 4.**

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