

House Bill 981

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-5-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public  
2 official investigated by special commission upon indictment, gubernatorial review if  
3 commission recommends suspension, suspension, reinstatement, and replacement officer, so  
4 as to provide for the appointment of a temporary replacement officer under certain  
5 circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 45-5-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public official  
10 investigated by special commission upon indictment, gubernatorial review if commission  
11 recommends suspension, suspension, reinstatement, and replacement officer, is amended by  
12 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(j) Unless otherwise provided by local law, in the event the Governor appoints a member  
14 of a governing authority as a temporary replacement for a suspended public official under  
15 paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, such member shall be authorized to  
16 appoint a temporary replacement to represent his or her district on the governing authority  
17 until such time as the suspension of the public official is terminated or the end of such  
18 member's current term on the governing authority, whichever is earlier."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.