

House Bill 856

By: Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Caldwell of the 131<sup>st</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Cantrell of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and appointment and terms of office of  
3 members, so as to add the commissioner of community supervision to the composition of the  
4 Board of Public Safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 35-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of Board  
9 of Public Safety, composition, and appointment and terms of office of members, is amended  
10 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) The board shall consist of ~~15~~ 16 members:

12 (1) The following ~~three~~ four members serve as follows:

13 (A) The Governor, ex officio, who shall be chairperson of the board;

14 (B) An appointee of the Governor who shall not be the Attorney General; ~~and~~

15 (C) The official in charge of the Department of Corrections, ex officio; and

16 (D) The commissioner of community supervision, ex officio.

17 (2) Five members shall be selected as follows:

18 (A) A representative appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent  
19 of the Senate from the membership of the Georgia Sheriffs Association; the first  
20 representative shall serve an initial term ending on January 20, 1975, each subsequent  
21 term being three years;

22 (B) A representative appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of  
23 the Senate from the membership of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police; the  
24 first representative shall serve an initial term ending on January 20, 1974, each  
25 subsequent term being three years;

26 (C) A representative appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of  
27 the Senate from the membership of the District Attorneys Association of Georgia; the  
28 first representative shall serve an initial term ending on January 20, 1973, each  
29 subsequent term being three years;

30 (D) A representative appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent  
31 of the Senate from the membership of the Georgia State Firemen's Association; the first  
32 representative shall serve an initial term ending on January 20, 1984, each subsequent  
33 term being for three years; and

34 (E) A representative appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of  
35 the Senate from the membership of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs; the first  
36 representative shall serve an initial term beginning on January 21, 2011, each term  
37 being for three years.

38 (3) Four members shall be selected as follows:

39 (A) Two members appointed by the Governor. The first appointees shall serve an  
40 initial term ending on January 20, 2002. Each subsequent term shall be for three years;

41 (B) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The first appointee shall  
42 serve an initial term ending on January 20, 2002. Each subsequent term shall be for  
43 three years; and

44 (C) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The first  
45 appointee shall serve an initial term ending on January 20, 2002. Each subsequent term  
46 shall be for three years.

47 (4) By majority vote the board shall appoint three members from the state at large; no  
48 person so appointed shall be an officer or employee of any state or local governmental  
49 entity at the time of his or her appointment to or during his or her membership on the  
50 board. All terms of the three at-large members shall be four years. Any vacancy in the  
51 at-large membership shall be filled by the board for the unexpired term."

52 **SECTION 2.**

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