

House Bill 725

By: Representatives Lim of the 99th, Lopez of the 86th, and Mainor of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 44-12-280 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 Council on American Indian Concerns created, membership, assignment for administrative
3 purposes, terms of office, and removal for failure to attend meetings, so as to revise its
4 membership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 44-12-280 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Council on
9 American Indian Concerns created, membership, assignment for administrative purposes,
10 terms of office, and removal for failure to attend meetings, is amended by revising
11 subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(b) There is created the Council on American Indian Concerns, which shall consist of nine
13 members to be appointed by the Governor. Five members shall be American Indians, with
14 at least one member representing each of the American Indian tribes of Georgia identified
15 in Code Section 44-12-300. Three members shall represent the scientific community and
16 shall include at least one archeologist and one anthropologist; provided, however, that if

17 no anthropologist can be identified who is willing to serve, then the membership reserved
18 to an anthropologist shall be filled by a person who holds a master's degree or a higher
19 degree in the field of anthropology and is currently active in the profession. One member
20 shall be selected from the general public at large. All members of the council shall be legal
21 residents of the State of Georgia. The Governor shall consult the tribal groups located in
22 the state recognized by general law, the Human Relations Commission, the Georgia
23 Council of Professional Archaeologists, the Society for Georgia Archaeology, and the
24 Department of Natural Resources for recommendations before appointing members of the
25 council."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.