House Bill 881

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Gaines of the 120th, Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) The commission, with the assistance of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, shall promulgate standards of conduct and rules for the commission's governance which will comport with due process and enforce the provisions of subsections (h) and (i) of this Code section~~; provided, however, that such standards and rules shall be effective only upon review and adoption by the Supreme Court~~. Such standards and rules

shall allow for a full investigation of a district attorney or solicitor-general only upon majority vote of the investigative panel. When a commission member receives information relating to the conduct of a district attorney or solicitor-general, such member shall provide such information to the commission's director for appropriate action."

**SECTION 2.**

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

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.