

House Bill 501

By: Representatives Draper of the 90th, Myles of the 126th, Campbell of the 35th, Griffin of the 149th, and Roberts of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elections and primaries generally, so as to revise procedures for the removal of members of
3 the State Election Board who were elected by a house of the General Assembly; to provide
4 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and
9 primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-30, relating to creation, membership,
10 terms of service, vacancies, quorum, bylaws, meetings, and executive director, by revising
11 subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(b) A member elected by a house of the General Assembly shall take office on the day
13 following the adjournment of the regular session in which elected and shall serve for a term
14 of two years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed.
15 An elected member of the board may be removed at any time the General Assembly is in
16 session by a majority vote of the house which elected him or her, or at any time when the

17 General Assembly is not in session by the President of the Senate if such member was
18 elected by the Senate or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives if such member
19 was elected by the House of Representatives. In the event a vacancy should occur in the
20 office of such a member of the board at a time when the General Assembly is not in
21 session, then the President of the Senate shall thereupon appoint an elector to fill the
22 vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by the Senate or appointed by the
23 President of the Senate; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall thereupon
24 appoint an elector to fill the vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by
25 the House of Representatives or appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
26 A member appointed to fill a vacancy may be removed ~~at any time by a majority vote of~~
27 ~~the house whose presiding officer appointed him or her~~ in the same manner as a member
28 elected by a house of the General Assembly."

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 **SECTION 3.**

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