

Senate Bill 332

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 28th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-18-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte
3 communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature; so
4 as to remove the provision for review and adoption by the Supreme Court; to provide for an
5 effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "(g) The commission, with the assistance of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State
14 of Georgia, shall promulgate standards of conduct and rules for the commission's
15 governance which will comport with due process and enforce the provisions of subsections
16 (h) and (i) of this Code section; ~~provided, however, that such standards and rules shall be~~

17 ~~effective only upon review and adoption by the Supreme Court.~~ Such standards and rules
18 shall allow for a full investigation of a district attorney or solicitor-general only upon
19 majority vote of the investigative panel. When a commission member receives information
20 relating to the conduct of a district attorney or solicitor-general, such member shall provide
21 such information to the commission's director for appropriate action."

22 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.