

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th offered the following substitute to HB 779:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board  
2 of Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by  
3 an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), so as to revise provisions related to  
4 filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide for the election of the members of the Paulding County Board of  
9 Education, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2381), as amended, particularly by an  
10 Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4151), is amended by revising Section 3 as  
11 follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 (a) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board for any reason other than expiration of term  
14 of office:

- 15 (1) If the vacancy occurs more than 90 days prior to the date of a general election  
16 preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of  
17 office, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a special  
18 election to be held on the same date as said general election preceding the general  
19 election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office; and
- 20 (2) If the vacancy occurs 90 days or fewer prior to the date of a general election  
21 preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of  
22 office, such vacancy on the board shall remain vacant.
- 23 (b) In the event a member moves his or her residence from the education district he or she  
24 represents, a vacancy shall exist.
- 25 (c) At its first meeting each year, the members of the board shall elect one of their number  
26 to serve as chairperson for that year and until the election of a chairperson in the  
27 subsequent year. A member shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as a member of  
28 the board and also as chairperson of the board."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.