

House Bill 720

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 60th, McLeod of the 105th, Burnough of the 77th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Division of Forensic Sciences, so as to provide for the establishment of a
3 section of handwriting analysis in the Division of Forensic Sciences; to provide for its
4 staffing and duties; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Forgery Signature Verification Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 Division of Forensic Sciences, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "35-3-156.

13 (a) In addition to the other duties and functions of the division, the division shall establish
14 a section for the purpose of the analysis of handwriting and handwriting comparisons.

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15 (b) The division shall staff such section with persons who are experts in the analysis and
16 comparison of handwritings.

17 (c) Such section shall provide handwriting comparison services to any law enforcement
18 agency in this state as well as each election superintendent and board of registrars in this
19 state."

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.