

Senate Bill 175

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that the seat of any  
3 member of the General Assembly shall be declared vacant on the thirtieth day following such  
4 member filing a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission declaring that  
5 such member is a candidate for a federal elective office; to provide an exception; to provide  
6 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
11 provisions regarding the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
12 read as follows:

13 "28-1-18.

14 The seat of any member of the General Assembly shall be declared vacant on the thirtieth  
15 day following such member filing a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election  
16 Commission declaring that such member is a candidate for a federal elective office,  
17 provided that such member's seat shall not be vacated if the member terminates his or her  
18 candidacy and files appropriate notice of termination with the Federal Election  
19 Commission prior to such thirtieth day."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.