

House Bill 988

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Macon County and to  
2 provide for its powers and duties, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4532), so as to  
3 expand the board from three to five members; to provide for appointments to the board; to  
4 provide for terms of the additional board members; to remove expired and outdated  
5 provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Macon County and to provide for  
10 its powers and duties, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4532), is amended by revising  
11 Section 3 as follows:

12 **"SECTION 3.**

13 (a) As of July 1, 2020, the board shall be expanded from three members to five members,  
14 each of whom shall be an elector and a resident of Macon County. The board shall select  
15 a chairperson from among its members.

16 (b) Each member of the Macon County Board of Commissioners shall appoint to the board  
17 of elections and registration one resident of the district from which such commissioner was  
18 elected.

19 (c) The members of the board serving on the board on June 30, 2020, shall serve out the  
20 terms for which they were originally appointed. The terms for the two initial expansion  
21 appointments shall begin on July 1, 2020, and shall expire on June 30, 2024. Thereafter,  
22 the members shall serve for terms of four years beginning on the first day of July  
23 immediately following the expiration of the appointee's term of office and until a successor  
24 is appointed and qualified."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said Act is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of Section 5 as follows:

27 "(1) Serve for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified;"

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 8 as follows:

30 "SECTION 8.

31 Before entering upon the duties of office, each member shall take substantially the same  
32 oath as required by law for county registrars and shall have the same privileges from  
33 arrest."

34 **SECTION 4.**

35 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 20 as follows:

36 "SECTION 20.

37 Reserved."

38 **SECTION 5.**

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

41 **SECTION 6.**

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