

House Bill 1625

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved
2 February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 February 19, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4335), and by an Act approved March 30, 1993
4 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4335), so as to increase the membership of the board to six members; to
5 provide for the election of members of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide
6 for related matters; to provide for submission for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal
7 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955
12 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 1992
13 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4335), and by an Act approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4335), is
14 amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2 and inserting new subsections (a) and (d) to
15 read as follows:

16 "(a) Board of Commissioners. The board of commissioners of Clayton County shall
17 consist of a chairman and five commissioners. The chairman and the District 5
18 commissioner shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire county. With the
19 exception of the chairman and the District 5 commissioner, each commissioner shall be
20 elected by the qualified voters of one commissioner district. The terms of office of the
21 chairman and commissioners shall be for four years and until their successors are duly
22 elected and qualified. Vacancies on the board shall be filled for the unexpired terms.
23 Commissioner District 5 shall be comprised of the entire county."

24 "(d) The first commissioner from Commissioner District 5 shall be elected in the 2002
25 November general election and shall take office on January 1, 2003, and shall serve for a
26 term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Successors to

1 such commissioner shall be elected at the November general election immediately
2 preceding the end of such commissioner's term of office and shall take office on January 1
3 immediately following such election."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 It shall be the duty of the attorney for the governing authority of Clayton County to submit
6 this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
7 amended.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the election in 2002 of a member of
10 the Board of Commissioners of Clayton County from Commissioner District 5 shall become
11 effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such
12 approval; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

13 **SECTION 4.**

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