

Senate Bill 559

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act providing for the Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections,
2 approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4296), as amended, so as to provide for staggered
3 appointments of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for the Gwinnett County Board of Registrations and Elections, approved
8 March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4296), as amended, is amended by designating the existing
9 language of Section 2 as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:
10 "(b) On or before July 1, 2002, the county executive committee of each political party that
11 appoints members of the board shall designate one of such party's two appointees to the
12 board as holding Post 1 and the other of such party's two appointees as holding Post 2.
13 Such designations shall be made by filing an affidavit with the clerk of superior court
14 stating the appointee's name and post designation and certifying that such designation has
15 been made in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Such appointees shall serve out
16 the remaining terms of office to which they were appointed. Notwithstanding any
17 provision of this Act to the contrary, the successors to such appointees of the political
18 parties shall be appointed as follows:

19 (1) The initial successor to the person holding a party's Post 1 position on the board shall
20 be appointed to serve a term of office of two years beginning January 1, 2003, and until
21 such person's successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter, successors shall be
22 appointed to serve terms of office of two years and until a successor is appointed and
23 qualified; and

24 (2) The initial successor to the person holding a party's Post 2 position on the board shall
25 be appointed to serve a term of office of one year beginning January 1, 2003, and until
26 such person's successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter, successors shall be

1 appointed to serve terms of office of two years and until a successor is appointed and
2 qualified.

3 It is the intent of this subsection to create a staggered appointment system for members of
4 the board who are appointed by political parties such that each party shall each appoint one
5 member of the board each year."

6 **SECTION 2.**

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