

House Bill 843

By: Representatives Day of the 153rd, Mueller of the 152nd and Stephens of the 150th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 terms of office, vacancies, and removal of members of county boards of tax assessors, so as
3 to change the length of all appointments or reappointments of such members on or after July
4 1, 2001; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 48-5-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terms of office,
8 vacancies, and removal of members of county boards of tax assessors, is amended by striking
9 subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) Each member of the county board of tax assessors newly appointed or reappointed to
11 such office on and after July 1, ~~1996~~ 2001, shall be appointed by the county governing
12 authority for a term of not less than ~~three~~ one nor more than ~~six~~ four years and until a
13 successor is duly appointed and qualified. A county governing authority shall, by
14 resolution, within the range provided by this subsection, select the length of terms of office
15 for members of its county board of tax assessors. Following the adoption of such
16 resolution, all new appointments and reappointments to the county board of tax assessors
17 shall be for the term lengths specified in the resolution; however, such resolution shall not
18 have the effect of shortening or extending the terms of office of current members of the
19 board of assessors whose terms have not yet expired. The county governing authority shall
20 not be authorized to again change the term length until the expiration of the term of office
21 of the first appointment or reappointment following the resolution that last changed such
22 terms of office. If the resolution changing the terms of office of members of the board of
23 tax assessors would result in a voting majority of the board of tax assessors having their
24 terms expire in the same calendar year, the county governing authority shall provide in the
25 resolution for staggered initial appointments or reappointments of a duration of not less
26 than ~~three~~ one nor more than ~~six~~ four years that will prevent such an occurrence. Any

1 member of the county board of tax assessors shall be eligible for reappointment after
2 review of his or her service on the board by the appointing authority. In case of a vacancy
3 on the board at any time, whether caused by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, the
4 vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the county governing authority. Any person
5 appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only to serve for the remainder of the
6 unexpired term of office and shall possess the same qualifications required under this part
7 for regular appointment to a full term of office."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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

11 **SECTION 3.**

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