

Senate Bill 493

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To provide for the filling of vacancies on the Liberty County Hospital Authority; to provide
2 for the manner of nomination and appointment of persons to fill unexpired or full terms; to
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Vacancies on the board of the Liberty County Hospital Authority, whether occurring by
7 virtue of the death, resignation, or other disability of the member prior to the end of the
8 member's term of office or by virtue of the expiration of a member's term of office, shall be
9 filled by appointment as follows:

10 (1) The governing authority of Liberty County shall submit a list of three eligible persons
11 to the board of the Liberty County Hospital Authority;

12 (2) The board at its next regular meeting shall either select one of the three persons
13 named in such list or decline to select any of the persons named in the list. If the board
14 declines to select any of the persons named on the list, it shall so notify the governing
15 authority of Liberty County; and

16 (3) Upon receipt of notification that the board has declined to select any of the persons
17 named in the governing authority's list, the governing authority shall submit a second list
18 of three eligible persons, no one of whom was named on the first list, to the board. The
19 board at its next regular meeting after receipt of the second list shall select one of the
20 three persons named in the second list.

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Whenever an appointment to fill a vacancy on the board of the Liberty County Hospital
23 Authority is made, either for an unexpired term or a full term, consideration shall be given
24 as to whether a licensed doctor of medicine or registered nurse currently serves on such
25 authority. If no licensed doctor of medicine or registered nurse currently serves on such

1 authority, then consideration shall be given to the nomination and choice of a licensed doctor
2 of medicine or a registered nurse to fill such vacancy.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.