

House Bill 1717

By: Representative Stephens of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Board of Elections of Chatham County, approved March 29,  
2 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5197), as amended, so as to provide for numbered posts for elected  
3 members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create the Board of Elections of Chatham County, approved March 29, 1984  
8 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5197), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 2 and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b)(1) The two political parties which received the highest votes cast for Governor at  
11 the 1982 general election shall each conduct an election at the 1986 general primary for  
12 the election of two members of the board. The candidates for each of said parties shall  
13 qualify to run in the primary in accordance with the rules prescribed for the election of  
14 political party candidates in the Georgia Election Code. The winners of each of the  
15 primaries of the political parties and runoff, if necessary, shall take office as members of  
16 the board on January 1, 1987, for terms of four years and until their successors are elected  
17 and qualified. Such winners shall be certified by the board in office at the time of the  
18 primaries to the clerk of the superior court of Chatham County and to the Secretary of  
19 State. Such winners, upon taking office, shall take an oath substantially the same as the  
20 oath required by law for county registrars to take office. Thereafter, pursuant to the same  
21 procedures and requirements set forth in this subsection, successors shall be elected at the  
22 general primary and runoff, if necessary, immediately preceding the expiration of terms  
23 of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their  
24 election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

25 (2) The elected positions on the board shall be designated by numbered posts.  
26 Democratic Party Post 1 shall be the post held by Ernestine Jones on January 1, 2004, and

1 Democratic Party Post 2 shall be the post held by Tony Matthews III on January 1, 2004.  
2 Republican Party Post 1 shall be the post held by Marie Powers Brazzeal on January 1,  
3 2004, and Republican Party Post 2 shall be the post held by Stanley J. Kaczorowski on  
4 January 1, 2004. When qualifying for election to the board, a candidate shall designate  
5 the post to which he or she seeks election."

6 **SECTION 2.**

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