

House Bill 618

By: Representative Fleming of the 117<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Lincoln County, approved  
2 April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4210), as amended, so as to provide for the appointment of the  
3 members of such board; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Lincoln County, approved April 4,  
7 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4210), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of  
8 Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(a) The board of elections of Lincoln County shall be composed of five members, each  
10 of whom shall be an elector and resident of Lincoln County. The members of the board  
11 serving on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve until their successors are  
12 duly appointed as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

13 (b) The members of the board shall be appointed as follows:

14 (1) One member of the board shall be selected by the chairperson of the county executive  
15 committee of the political party which received the highest number of votes within the  
16 county for its candidate for Governor of Georgia in the general election immediately  
17 preceding the appointment of the member. Such selection shall have been ratified by a  
18 majority of the members of the executive committee voting at a regularly scheduled  
19 meeting or at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose;

20 (2) One member of the board shall be selected by the chairperson of the county executive  
21 committee of the political party which received the second highest number of votes  
22 within the county for its candidate for Governor of Georgia in the general election  
23 immediately preceding the appointment of the member. Such selection shall have been  
24 ratified by a majority of the members of the executive committee voting at a regularly  
25 scheduled meeting or at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose;

1 (3) One member of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of Lincoln  
2 County. Said member shall not be an officer or member of the executive committee of  
3 any political party at the time of such member's selection or at any time during such  
4 member's term of office as a member of the board of elections;

5 (4) One member of the board of elections shall be appointed by the Board of Education  
6 of Lincoln County. Said member shall not be an officer or member of the executive  
7 committee of any political party at the time of such member's selection or at any time  
8 during such member's term of office as a member of the board of elections; and

9 (5) One member of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of the City  
10 of Lincoln. Said member shall not be an officer or member of the executive committee  
11 of any political party at the time of such member's selection or at any time during such  
12 member's term of office as a member of the board of elections."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 It shall be the duty of the governing authority of Lincoln County to require the attorney  
15 therefor to submit this Act, pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
16 as amended, to the United States Attorney General for approval.

17 **SECTION 3.**

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