

House Bill 618 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Fleming of the 117th

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.