

House Bill 628 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hanner of the 148th and Rynders of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Lee County, approved August 6,
2 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 517), as amended, so as to change certain provisions regarding
3 qualifications of members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the
4 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Lee County, approved August 6, 1921 (Ga.
9 L. 1921, p. 517), as amended, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of
10 Section 2 and inserting in its place a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

11 "(2) In order to be elected or appointed as a member of the board from a commissioner
12 district, a person must have that person's legal residence in that district at the time of
13 qualifying for election or at the time of appointment and, if elected, must receive the
14 number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that district only and not
15 at large. Only electors who are residents of that commissioner district may vote for a
16 member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member
17 of the board from a commissioner district, each candidate for such office shall specify the
18 commissioner district for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed
19 as a member of the board from a commissioner district must continue to reside in that
20 district during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 The Board of Commissioners of Lee County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
23 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
24 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with

- 1 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
- 2 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

- 4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.