

House Bill 449 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Lane of the 167<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of McIntosh County, approved  
2 February 26, 1876 (Ga. L. 1876, p. 283), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5207), so as to provide for the election of members of the board  
4 of commissioners to staggered, four-year terms of office; to provide for related matters; to  
5 require the submission of this Act for preclearance; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of McIntosh County, approved February 26,  
10 1876 (Ga. L. 1876, p. 283), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002  
11 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5207), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 3 and inserting in  
12 lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

13 "(a)(1) The members of the board of commissioners who are in office on the effective  
14 date of this Act shall serve out the terms of office to which they were elected and until  
15 their successors are elected and qualified.

16 (2) At the November general election in 2006, members of the board of commissioners  
17 from Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected to take office on January 1, 2007, and serve a  
18 term of office of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.  
19 Thereafter, successors to such members shall be elected at the November general election  
20 immediately preceding the expiration of their terms of office who shall take office on the  
21 first day of January immediately following such election and shall serve terms of four  
22 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

23 (3) At the November general election in 2006, members of the board of commissioners  
24 from Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected to take office on January 1, 2007, and serve a term  
25 of office of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter,  
26 successors to such members shall be elected at the November general election

1 immediately preceding the expiration of their terms of office who shall take office on the  
2 first day of January immediately following such election and shall serve terms of four  
3 years and until their successors are elected and qualified."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 The governing authority of McIntosh County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
6 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,  
7 no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or  
8 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

9 **SECTION 3.**

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