

Senate Bill 554

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Floyd County, approved  
2 March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5289), so as to implement a system of staggered terms of  
3 office for the members of the board; to provide for the expiration of terms of certain  
4 members; to increase the time for appointing members to the board; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a board of elections and registration for Floyd County, approved March 28,  
9 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5289), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

10 "Section 2.

11 (a) The board shall be composed of three members, each of whom shall be an elector and  
12 resident of Floyd County. Members of the board shall be appointed thereto by the Board of  
13 Commissioners of Floyd County, which shall, in addition, also designate one of those  
14 members to be the chairman of the board of elections and registration.

15 (b) The member of the board who is in office on the effective date of this Act, specifically  
16 Donna Bojo, and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, shall continue to serve  
17 until December 31, 2008, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

18 (c) The remaining two members of the board who are in office on the effective date of this  
19 Act, specifically Pete McDonald and Mardie Haynes Jackson, and any person appointed to  
20 fill a vacancy in such offices, shall continue to serve until December 31, 2010, and until their  
21 respective successors are appointed and qualified.

22 (d) After the expiration of the terms of office pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this  
23 section, the successors to such expiring terms shall be appointed and qualified and take office  
24 the first day of January immediately following the expiration of the respective term and shall  
25 serve for terms of four years each and until their successors are duly appointed and  
26 qualified."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

**"Section 3.**

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4 The appointment of each member by the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County shall be  
5 made by that member of the board filing an affidavit with the clerk of the Superior Court of  
6 Floyd County stating the name and residential address of the person appointed and certifying  
7 that such member has been duly appointed as provided in this Act. An affidavit designating  
8 a member as chairman of the board shall be submitted in the same manner and shall specify  
9 that such member has been appointed chairperson. The clerk shall record each certification  
10 on the minutes of the court and shall certify the name of each member to the Secretary of  
11 State and provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members and chairman  
12 within the same time and in the same manner as provided by law for registrars. If the Board  
13 of Commissioners of Floyd County does not, in conformity with this Act, certify its  
14 appointment to the board no later than 60 days after the beginning of a term of office or  
15 within 60 days after the creation of a vacancy in that office, a vacancy shall be deemed to  
16 have been thereby created and the Governor, pursuant to Article V, Section II, Paragraph  
17 VIII(a) of the Constitution, shall fill such vacancy by making the appointment thereto and  
18 shall certify it as provided in this section, and the person so appointed shall serve out the  
19 unexpired term of office."

**SECTION 3.**

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