

Senate Bill 118

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Chance of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-263 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 qualifications, duties, and compensation of appraisers, so as to prohibit persons who are  
3 serving or have served in the past year as a member of a county board of tax assessors from  
4 serving as an employee of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 48-5-263 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications,  
9 duties, and compensation of appraisers, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) *Qualifications.*

11 (1) The commissioner shall establish, and the state merit system may review, the  
12 qualifications and rate of compensation for each appraiser grade.

13 (2) Each appraiser shall, before his or her employment, obtain a satisfactory grade, as  
14 determined by the commissioner, on an examination prepared by the commissioner and  
15 an institution of higher education in this state.

16 (3) No person who is serving on a county board of tax assessors or who has served on  
17 a county board of tax assessors within the preceding 12 month period shall be eligible to  
18 serve as an employee of that board until the expiration of the 12 month period following  
19 such person's service as a member of the board."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.