

House Bill 378

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Amerson of the 9th, and Knox of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Forsyth County, approved June 30,
2 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4924), so as to provide that members of the board of
4 commissioners shall be elected by the voters of their respective districts; to provide for
5 preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964
10 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25,
11 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4924), is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 2 as follows:
12 "(c) There shall be one member of the board from each commissioner district. A
13 commissioner must reside in the commissioner district such commissioner represents. A
14 candidate shall designate the district from which such candidate offers for election.
15 Beginning with the general election in 2010 and continuing in subsequent elections,
16 members of the board shall be elected by the electors of their respective districts and not
17 by the voters of the entire county. The election of members of the board shall be conducted
18 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia
19 Election Code.'"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of Forsyth County to cause this Act to be
22 submitted for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
23 as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973c, within 45 days after its approval by the Governor or
24 its becoming law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.