

House Bill 763

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act re-creating the Board of Commissioners of Bacon County, approved
2 April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4436), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 21,
3 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4454), so as to give to the chairperson of the board of commissioners
4 a vote only in the event of a tie vote; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act re-creating the Board of Commissioners of Bacon County, approved April 4, 1991
9 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4436), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 21, 1997 (Ga. L.
10 1997, p. 4454), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 7 as follows:

11 "(b) It shall be the duty of the chairperson to act as presiding officer at all meetings of the
12 board of commissioners, and he or she shall be recognized as the ceremonial head of the
13 county government but shall have no other administrative duties except as provided in this
14 Act or as may be delegated to him or her by the board of commissioners. In the event of
15 the temporary absence, disqualification, or disability of the chairperson, the vice
16 chairperson shall assume the duties of the chairperson and shall receive a per diem
17 allowance, not less than the per diem allowance received by members of the General
18 Assembly, for every day that the vice chairperson performs the duties of the chairperson.
19 It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preserve order and decorum at all meetings of the
20 board, to state every question coming before the board, to announce the decisions of the
21 board on all subjects, and to decide all questions of order, subject however, to an appeal
22 to the board, in which event a majority vote of the board shall govern and conclusively
23 determine such question of order. The chairperson shall not have the right to vote on any
24 matters coming before the board except in the case of a tie vote. All commissioners
25 including the chairperson shall be bonded in the amount of \$10,000.00 by a good and
26 solvent bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, said bond to

27 be approved by the judge of the probate court, payable to the judge of the probate court and
28 his or her successors in the office, for the use of Bacon County, conditioned upon the
29 faithful performance of their duties. The costs of said bonds shall be paid from the general
30 funds of Bacon County."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
33 without such approval.

34 **SECTION 3.**

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