

House Bill 1215

By: Representative Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing  
2 the Board of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953,  
3 Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2054), as amended, so as to provide for elections and terms of office; to  
4 provide for submission under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing the Board  
9 of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb.  
10 Sess., p. 2054), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 (a) There shall be a Board of Commissioners of Echols County, to consist of three persons  
13 to be elected by the voters of Echols County and commissioned by the Governor. There  
14 shall be three posts on said board, designated as Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3. Each candidate  
15 for office on the board of commissioners shall be required to designate by number the post  
16 to which he or she seeks to be elected. Elections of members of the board shall be held in  
17 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

18 (b)(1) Beginning in 2012 and thereafter, the members of the board elected from Posts 1  
19 and 2 at the general election in November shall serve for terms of four years each  
20 commencing on January 1 immediately following such election and until their successors  
21 are elected and qualified.

22 (2)(A) The member of the board elected from Post 3 at the general election in  
23 November, 2012, shall serve for an initial term of two years commencing on January  
24 1 immediately following such election and until his or her successor is elected and  
25 qualified.

26 (B) Beginning in 2014 and thereafter, the member of the board elected from Post 3 at  
27 the general election in November shall serve for a term of four years, commencing on  
28 January 1 immediately following such election and until his or her successor is elected  
29 and qualified."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 The Board of Commissioners of Echols County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
32 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
33 as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
34 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

35 **SECTION 3.**

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