

Senate Bill 477

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Stoner of the 6th, Henson of the 41st and Hooks of the 14th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baker County and provide
2 for its powers and duties, approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3716), so as to reconstitute
3 and change the composition of the board and the selection and appointment of its members;
4 to provide for related matters; to provide for submission for preclearance under Section 5 of
5 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Baker County and provide for its
10 powers and duties, approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3716), is amended by revising
11 subsection (b) and (c) of Section 2 as follows:

12 "(b) After December 31, 2015, the Baker County Board of Elections and Registration shall
13 consist of three members. On December 31, 2015, the positions of the current board
14 members shall expire, and a new board shall be appointed as provided in this section.

15 (c) On and after January 1, 2016, the Baker County Board of Elections and Registration
16 shall consist of three members appointed by the governing authority of Baker County,
17 which shall designate one member to serve for a term of two years, one such member to
18 serve for a term of three years, and one member to serve for a term of four years. Each such
19 member shall serve for the specified term and until his or her successor is appointed and
20 qualified, and upon expiration of the term for which he or she was initially appointed, his
21 or her successor shall be appointed to serve for a term of four years, until his or her
22 successor is appointed and qualified. The governing authority shall appoint a chairperson."

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SECTION 2.

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The board of commissioners shall cause, through its legal counsel, this Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, within 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise become law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

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

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SECTION 4.

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