

Senate Bill 477

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

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

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

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