

House Bill 1250 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the board of elections of Murray County, approved March 12,  
2 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4009), so as to create the Murray County Board of Elections and  
3 Registration; to change the manner of selection of members of the board of elections and  
4 registration; to provide for certain qualifications for members of the board; to provide for the  
5 certification of appointments; to provide for filling of vacancies; to provide for oaths of  
6 office; to 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 to create the board of elections of Murray County, approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L.  
10 1984, p. 4009), is amended by revising Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as follows:

11 "SECTION 1.

12 Pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-40 of the O.C.G.A., there is created the  
13 Murray County Board of Elections and Registration. The combined Murray County Board  
14 of Elections and Registration shall replace the present board of elections and board of  
15 registrars effective January 1, 2013. The Murray County Board of Elections and Registration  
16 shall have all the powers and duties of the election superintendent relating to the conduct of  
17 primaries and elections and all the powers and duties of the board of registrars relating to the  
18 registration of voters and absentee-balloting procedures as all such powers and duties existed  
19 on December 31, 2012.

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 (a) The members of the board in office on July 1, 2012, shall serve until December 31, 2012,  
22 and then their terms shall end. Thereafter, members of the board shall be appointed as  
23 provided in this section.

24 (b) Not later than December 2, 2012, the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit shall  
25 appoint five persons who are upstanding residents of Murray County to the new combined  
26 board of elections and registration. The same judge shall designate one of the members as  
27 chief registrar and chairperson of the board. Such appointees shall take office on January 1,  
28 2013. Each member shall serve for a term of four years.

29 (c) The board of elections and registration which takes office on January 1, 2013, shall  
30 perform all duties and fulfill all responsibilities as outlined in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the  
31 O.C.G.A.

32 SECTION 3.

33 No person who holds elective public office or who is an employee of Murray County or any  
34 municipality located in whole or in part in Murray County shall be eligible to serve as a  
35 member during the term of such elective office or while so employed, and the term of any  
36 member shall be deemed vacant upon such member qualifying as a candidate for elective  
37 public office.

38 SECTION 4.

39 The appointment of each member shall be made by the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial  
40 Circuit filing an affidavit with the clerk of the superior court stating the name and address  
41 of the person appointed and certifying that such member has been duly appointed as provided  
42 in this Act. The clerk of superior court shall record each of such certifications on the minutes  
43 of the court and shall certify the name of each such appointed member to the Secretary of  
44 State who shall provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members as  
45 provided by law.

46 SECTION 5.

47 Each member of the board shall have the right to resign at any time by giving written notice  
48 of his or her resignation to the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit and to the clerk  
49 of superior court and shall be subject to removal from the board at any time by the chief  
50 judge for any reason permitted by law.

51 SECTION 6.

52 In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of any appointed member of the board by  
53 removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, the chief judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit  
54 shall appoint a successor as provided in this section. The chief judge shall certify the  
55 appointment of such person to the clerk of superior court in the same manner as provided in

56 Section 4 of this Act, and the clerk of superior court shall record such appointment and  
57 certify such appointment to the Secretary of State.

58 **SECTION 7.**

59 Before entering upon his or her duties, each member shall take such oath as required by law  
60 and shall have the privileges from arrest which may be provided by law."

61 **SECTION 2.**

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