

House Bill 1048

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Forsyth County Board of Registrations and Elections,  
2 approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5381), as amended, so as to increase the  
3 membership of the board; to provide for the appointment and terms of the additional  
4 members; to provide for compensation; 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 creating the Forsyth County Board of Registrations and Elections, approved  
9 March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5381), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 as  
10 follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 (a) Until September 1, 2015, the board shall be composed of three members, each of whom  
13 shall be an elector and a resident of the county. Those members in office on the effective  
14 date of this section shall serve out the terms to which they were appointed and successors  
15 to such members shall be appointed in accordance with this section.

16 (b) On and after September 1, 2015, the board shall be composed of five members, each  
17 of whom shall be an elector and a resident of the county. The members shall be appointed  
18 as provided in this section.

19 (c)(1) Two members shall be appointed by the county political party whose candidate for  
20 President of the United States at the last election preceding such nomination received the  
21 largest number of votes in the county, and two members shall be appointed by the county  
22 political party whose candidate for President of the United States at the last election  
23 preceding such nomination received the next largest number of votes in the county.

24 (2) A political party appointment for membership on the board shall be made by the  
25 chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party nominating a

26 qualified candidate and the candidate's nomination being ratified by a majority of the  
 27 members of the county executive committee voting at a regularly scheduled meeting of  
 28 the county executive committee or a meeting duly called and held for such purpose. In  
 29 the event that such nomination is not ratified by a majority of the members of the county  
 30 executive committee at least 60 days preceding the date on which such member is to take  
 31 office, then the members of the county executive committee may nominate the member  
 32 by a two-thirds' majority of the members of the county executive committee voting at a  
 33 regularly scheduled meeting of the county executive committee or a meeting duly called  
 34 and held for such purpose. In the event that the executive committee of a political party  
 35 fails to make an appointment as provided in this paragraph at least 30 days preceding the  
 36 date on which such member is to take office, the appointment shall be made by the  
 37 county governing authority. The nominee of the chairperson or county executive  
 38 committee shall be submitted to the county governing authority for appointment. If the  
 39 county governing authority rejects a nominee, the chairperson or county executive  
 40 committee shall submit another nominee.

41 (3) The fifth member of the board shall be, ex officio, the chief registrar of the county,  
 42 who shall be designated as the chairperson of the board.

43 (4) The two additional members who take office on September 1, 2015, shall be  
 44 appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, with one member being  
 45 nominated by each political party. The member representing the county political party  
 46 whose candidate for President of the United States at the last election preceding such  
 47 nomination received the largest number of votes in the county shall be appointed to an  
 48 initial term of office to begin on September 1, 2015, and to end on August 31, 2017, and  
 49 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member representing the county  
 50 political party whose candidate for President of the United States at the last election  
 51 preceding such nomination received the next largest number of votes in the county shall  
 52 be appointed to an initial term of office to begin on September 1, 2015, and to end on  
 53 August 31, 2019, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Successors  
 54 to such members shall be appointed to serve terms of four years and until their respective  
 55 successors are appointed and qualified."

56 **SECTION 2.**

57 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

58 "SECTION 5.

59 Each member of the board shall:

60 (1) Except as provided in Section 2 of this Act, serve for a term of four years and until  
61 a successor is appointed and qualified, except in the event of resignation or removal as  
62 hereinafter provided;

63 (2) Be eligible to succeed such member and shall have the right to resign at any time by  
64 giving written notice of such resignation to the respective appointing authority and to the  
65 clerk of superior court; and

66 (3) Shall be subject to removal from the board at any time, for cause after notice and  
67 hearing, in the same manner and by the same authority as is provided for the removal of  
68 registrars."

69 **SECTION 3.**

70 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 7 as follows:

71 "SECTION 7.

72 Before entering upon the duties of office, each member shall take substantially the same  
73 oath as required by law for registrars and shall have the same privileges from arrest."

74 **SECTION 4.**

75 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 14 as follows:

76 "(c) The members of the board other than the chairperson shall receive as compensation  
77 for the performance of their duties on the board an amount of \$200.00 each month."

78 **SECTION 5.**

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

81 **SECTION 6.**

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