

Senate Bill 75

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596), so as to provide for staggered terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

**"SECTION 3.**

(a) In the event that any member elected from a district ceases to be a resident of his or her respective commissioner district during his or her term of office, a vacancy shall be created and shall be filled as provided by law. All members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended.

(b) The members of the board holding office on the effective date of this section and any persons selected to fill vacancies in such offices shall serve out the terms of office to which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(c) In the general election in November, 2016, successors to the members from Districts 3 and 4 shall be elected for terms of two years beginning on January 1 following their election and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the members shall be elected at the November general election immediately preceding the end of their terms of office for terms of four years beginning on January 1 following their election and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(d) In the general election in November, 2016, a successor to the chairperson of the board shall be elected for a term of two years beginning on January 1 following his or her election

and until his or her respective successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, a successor to the chairperson shall be elected at the November general election immediately preceding the end of the term of office of the chairperson for a term of four years beginning on January 1 following such election and until his or her respective successor is elected and qualified.

(e) In the general election in November, 2016, successors to the members from Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected for terms of four years beginning on January 1 following their election and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the members shall be elected at the November general election immediately preceding the end of their terms of office for terms of four years beginning on January 1 following their election and until their respective successors are elected and qualified."

## **SECTION 2.**

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