

Senate Bill 412

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Hancock County and to
2 provide for its powers and duties, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3710), so as to
3 change the manner of appointment of the board; to change the manner of selection of the
4 chairperson; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members of the board;
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Hancock County and to provide for
9 its powers and duties, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3710), is amended by
10 revising Section 3 as follows:

11 "SECTION 3.

12 (a) The board shall be composed of five members who shall be appointed as provided in
13 this section.

14 (b)(1) The initial members of the board shall be selected not later than July 1, 2011.

15 (2) The county executive committee of the political party that nominated a candidate for
16 the office of Governor at the last election for such office and whose candidate received
17 the highest number of votes cast for such office in such general election shall appoint two
18 members of the board. One of the appointees shall be designated by the county executive
19 committee to serve a term of office beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on December 31,
20 2012, and one of the appointees shall be designated by the county executive committee
21 to serve a term of office beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2014.

22 (3) The county executive committee of the political party that nominated a candidate for
23 the office of Governor at the last election for such office and whose candidate received
24 the second highest number of votes cast for such office in such general election shall
25 appoint two members of the board. One of the appointees shall be designated by the

26 county executive committee to serve a term of office beginning July 1, 2011, and ending
27 on December 31, 2012, and one of the appointees shall be designated by the county
28 executive committee to serve a term of office beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on
29 December 31, 2014.

30 (4) The member serving on the effective date of this paragraph who was appointed by
31 the chief judge of the Superior Court of Hancock County shall serve until December 31,
32 2016, and then such member's term shall end. A successor to such member shall be
33 appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County for a term beginning
34 January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2018. Thereafter, the board of
35 commissioners shall select successors to such member on the board in accordance with
36 paragraph (5) of this subsection who shall serve four-year terms of office and until their
37 respective successors are appointed and qualified.

38 (5) Successors to the initial members of the board shall be appointed by the respective
39 appointing authorities at least 30 days immediately prior to the expiration of each
40 respective member's term of office. Such successors shall serve four year terms of office
41 and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

42 (6) In the event that there is no county executive committee in Hancock County of a
43 political party that is entitled to appoint members of the board, the state executive
44 committee of such party shall make the appointments.

45 (7) At the first meeting of the board in each odd-numbered year, the members of the
46 board shall elect from among their number a member to serve as chairperson of the
47 board."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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