

House Bill 422

By: Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Ware County and to
2 provide for its powers and duties, approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4085), so as to
3 revise provisions relating to the appointment of board members; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Ware County and to provide for its
8 powers and duties, approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4085), is amended by revising
9 subsections (b) and (c) of Section 3 as follows:

10 "(b)(1) Two members of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of Ware
11 County. The political party which received the highest number of votes within the county
12 for its candidate for Governor in the general election immediately preceding the
13 appointment of such members shall provide said governing authority with a list of
14 nominations of not more than four people. The governing authority of Ware County shall
15 consider the nominations submitted pursuant to this paragraph, but is under no obligation
16 to appoint a person from such nomination list.

17 (2) Two members of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of Ware
18 County. The political party which received the second-highest number of votes within
19 the county for its candidate for Governor in the general election immediately preceding
20 the appointment of such members shall provide said governing authority with a list of
21 nominations of not more than four people. The governing authority of Ware County shall
22 consider the nominations submitted pursuant to this paragraph, but is under no obligation
23 to appoint a person from such nomination list.

24 (3) Each of the nomination lists provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection
25 shall be submitted by the party chairperson and ratified by the county executive
26 committee of the respective political party at least 45 days before the beginning of the
27 term of office or within 45 days after the creation of a vacancy in the office. In the event
28 that a political party entitled to nominate a member of the board does not have a county
29 executive committee, such nomination shall be made by the state executive committee
30 of such political party.

31 (c) The fifth member shall be selected by the four members provided for in subsection (b)
32 of this section and shall serve as chairperson. In the event that the four members provided
33 for in subsection (b) of this section cannot agree on a fifth member within 30 days after
34 taking office, such members shall submit to the governing authority of Ware County a list
35 of not more than four names of persons eligible for such position. The governing authority
36 shall select the fifth member and shall consider the nominations submitted pursuant to this
37 paragraph, but is under no obligation to appoint a person from such nomination list."

38 **SECTION 2.**

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