

House Bill 713

By: Representative Kelley of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Polk County and provide
2 for its powers and duties, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4652), so as to expand
3 the board from three to five members; to provide for the appointment and terms of board
4 members; to provide for the nomination of certain board members; to update provisions
5 relating to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Polk County and provide for its
10 powers and duties, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4652), is amended by revising
11 Section 2 as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.

13 (a) As of July 1, 2023, the board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall
14 be an elector and resident of Polk County. The members serving on the effective date of
15 this Act shall serve out the terms to which they were appointed.

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16 (b) Members of the board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Polk
17 County, provided that two of the members appointed, including the two initial members
18 appointed pursuant to the expansion of the board provided for in this Act, shall be
19 appointed as follows:

20 (1) One member shall be appointed from a nomination list provided by the members of
21 the Senate who represent all or any portion of Polk County; and

22 (2) One member shall be appointed from a nomination list provided by the members of
23 the House of Representatives who represent all or any portion of Polk County.

24 (c) The Board of Commissioners of Polk County shall designate one of the appointees
25 provided for in subsection (b) of this section to be the chairperson of the board of elections
26 and registration.

27 (d) Successors to board members whose terms are to expire shall be appointed to take
28 office the first day of January immediately following that expiration of term and shall serve
29 for terms of four years each and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified."

30 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 "SECTION 5.

33 In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the board by removal, death,
34 resignation, or otherwise, except by expiration of term, the Board of Commissioners of
35 Polk County shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If such
36 vacancy occurs in the office of a member appointed from a nomination list provided by the
37 members of the Senate or House of Representatives representing all or any portion of Polk
38 County, the person appointed to fill such vacancy shall also be from a nomination list
39 provided by the members of the Senate or House of Representatives, respectively, who
40 represent all or any portion of Polk County. The clerk of the superior court shall be

41 notified of interim appointments and record and certify such appointments in the same
42 manner as the regular appointment of members."

43 **SECTION 3.**

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