

House Bill 162

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Morgan County and to  
2 provide for its powers and duties, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3606), so as to  
3 revise provisions for the appointment, terms, and filling of vacancies of board members; to  
4 provide for term limits and removal of board members; to revise duties of the board and  
5 elections supervisor regarding clerical assistance and poll works; to remove expired and  
6 outdated provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Morgan County and to provide for  
11 its powers and duties, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3606), is amended by  
12 revising Section 3 and Section 4 as follows:

13 "SECTION 3.

14 (a) The board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall have been a  
15 resident of Morgan County for a minimum of one year prior to appointment and shall be

registered to vote in Morgan County. All members shall be appointed by the board of commissioners of Morgan County.

(b)(1) Three board members shall be appointed for four-year terms to begin on January 1, 2022.

(2) Two board members shall be appointed for two-year terms to begin on January 1, 2024.

(c) Successors to members appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be appointed to four-year terms of office.

(d) The board members in office on the effective date of this Act shall serve out the terms to which they were originally appointed.

#### SECTION 4.

Each member of the board shall:

(1) Serve for a term of four years, except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act;

(2) Be eligible to be reappointed to succeed himself or herself, but no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms;

(3) Shall have the right to resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the board of commissioners;

(4) Serve until his or her successor is appointed and duly qualified; and

(5) Be removed by the board of commissioners for any reason, based upon the recommendation of the elections supervisor."

#### SECTION 2.

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

#### "SECTION 7.

(a) The elections supervisor may request additional clerical assistants as needed to efficiently carry out the duties and functions of the board, on either an independent contract basis or as county employees entitled to all benefits as other county employees, such status to be determined by the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners shall be responsible for determining the pay and salary of all clerical assistants of the board. Any such assistants shall be hired by the board of commissioners, which shall consider the recommendation of the elections supervisor, and such assistants shall be at-will employees of the board of commissioners.

(b) The board of commissioners shall provide suitable offices and funding sufficient to employ the elections supervisor and any clerical assistants as may be necessary."

### **SECTION 3.**

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 9 as follows:

### **"SECTION 9.**

The supervisor of elections shall be responsible for the selection, appointment, and training of poll workers in elections."

### **SECTION 4.**

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 11 as follows:

### **"SECTION 11.**

Should a vacancy occur on the board, the board of commissioners shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term."

59 **SECTION 5.**

60 Said Act is further amended by repealing and reserving Section 14 in its entirety.

61 **SECTION 6.**

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