

House Bill 1557

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County,  
2 approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), so as to revise the composition of the  
3 board; to revise provisions for appointment of board members; to provide for initial terms;  
4 to provide for current board members to serve out the terms to which they were appointed;  
5 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide for the re-creation of the board of elections for Fayette County, approved  
10 March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3712), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 (a) The board of elections shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be at  
13 least 21 years of age and an elector of Fayette County and each of whom shall be appointed  
14 as provided in this section. Except as provided for in subsection (f) of this section, each  
15 member of the board shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are duly

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16 appointed and qualified. Terms of office shall begin on the first day of February following  
17 the expiration of the immediately preceding term of office.

18 (b) Four members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fayette County from  
19 nominations as follows:

20 (1) Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees provided by the chairperson  
21 of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the last  
22 preceding general election received the largest number of votes in this state for members  
23 of the General Assembly; and

24 (2) Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees provided by the chairperson  
25 of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at such election  
26 received the next largest number of votes.

27 Each nominee by the political parties shall be made and certified as follows: the member  
28 shall be nominated by the chairperson and ratified by the county executive committee of  
29 each of the above designated political parties at least 40 days before the beginning of the  
30 term of office, or within 40 days after the creation of a vacancy in the office, and the  
31 certification of the nomination of each member shall be made by the executive committee  
32 filing an affidavit with the governing authority. The governing authority shall then certify  
33 such appointment of the member such governing authority appoints from such list of  
34 nominees to the clerk of the superior court as provided in this section.

35 (c) The fifth member of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fayette  
36 County without such individual having been nominated pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
37 section. The appointment of the fifth member of the board shall be made at least 30 days  
38 before the beginning of his or her term of office, or within 30 days after the creation of a  
39 vacancy in the office, and the governing authority shall certify such appointment to the  
40 clerk of the superior court as provided in this section no later than 20 days preceding the  
41 date on which such member is to take office, stating the name and residential address of

42 the person appointed and certifying that such member has been duly selected and appointed  
43 as provided in this section.

44 (d) If the nomination of any such member of the board of elections by the political parties  
45 is not made as provided in this section, such member shall be appointed forthwith by the  
46 governing authority of Fayette County and, within five days after such appointment,  
47 certified as provided in this Act.

48 (e) Those members of the board serving on the effective date of this section shall serve out  
49 the terms to which they were appointed. The current member selected by the governing  
50 authority of the county shall have his or her successor selected as provided for in  
51 subsection (b) of this section.

52 (f) The initial fourth and fifth members of the board appointed pursuant to this section  
53 shall be appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section with one such member being  
54 nominated by each respective political party. Such members shall be appointed to initial  
55 terms ending on January, 31, 2028."

56 **SECTION 2.**

57 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
58 without such approval.

59 **SECTION 3.**

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