

House Bill 546 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Jones of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of elections and registration for McIntosh
2 County," approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4171), so as to provide that the board shall
3 consist of five members; to provide for appointment; to provide for terms; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act entitled "An Act to create a board of elections and registration for McIntosh County,"
8 approved May 4, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4171), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

9 "SECTION 3.

10 (a) The board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall meet the applicable
11 eligibility requirements under Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., Code
12 Section 21-2-75 of the O.C.G.A., and other general law, and shall be qualified and selected
13 in the following manner:

14 (1) Three members shall be appointed by the county executive committee of the political
15 party whose candidate at the last preceding general election received the largest number
16 of votes in this state for the office of Governor;

17 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the county executive committee of the political
18 party whose candidate at the last preceding general election received the next largest
19 number of votes in this state for the office of Governor; and

20 (3) Each of the appointments made by the respective executive committees shall have
21 been ratified by a majority of the members of each such respective executive committee
22 voting at a meeting called and held for such purposes. In the event such appointments
23 are not ratified by a majority of the members of such executive committee, then such
24 members shall be appointed by the judge of the probate court of McIntosh County.

(b) At the first meeting of each calendar year, the members of the McIntosh County Board of Elections and Registration shall select one of their members of the board to serve as chairperson and one of their members to serve as secretary. The initial appointments to the board shall be made no later than July 1, 2015. Of the three initial members appointed by the executive committee of the political party whose candidate at the last preceding election received the largest number of votes in this state for the office of Governor, two of the persons so appointed, who shall be designated by the executive committee, shall serve a term of office beginning on July 1, 2015, and expiring on December 31, 2017, and one of the persons so appointed, who shall be designated by the executive committee, shall serve a term of office beginning on July 1, 2015, and expiring on December 31, 2019. Of the two initial members appointed by the executive committee of the political party whose candidate at the last preceding election received the next largest number of votes in this state for the office of Governor, one of the persons so appointed, who shall be designated by the executive committee, shall serve a term of office beginning on July 1, 2015, and expiring on December 31, 2017, and one of the persons so appointed, who shall be designated by the executive committee, shall serve a term of office beginning on July 1, 2015, and expiring on December 31, 2019. All such persons so appointed shall serve for the initial terms specified and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

(c) After the initial term of office, successors to members whose terms are about to expire shall be appointed to take office on the first day of January immediately following the expiration of a term of office and shall serve a term of four years each and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

(d) Appointments on behalf of political parties that do not have executive committees in McIntosh County shall be made by the state executive committee of such party.

(e) Each member of the board shall successfully complete all mandatory training by achieving a passing score on any test administered as a part of such training. Any board member who fails to successfully complete such training and achieve a passing score of any test administered as a part of such training shall stand immediately terminated and shall be replaced by the authority appointing such board member. Any such appointment shall be to fill the unexpired term of the member replaced."

SECTION 2.

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