

House Bill 873

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a joint county-municipal board of elections and registration for  
2 Butts County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3908), so as to prohibit persons  
3 employed by certain local governments from being eligible to serve on the board for a  
4 designated period of time following their government employment; to clarify the procedures  
5 for a member of the board to resign; to change the title of the election supervisor to election  
6 director; to provide that employees of the board are county employees with the same  
7 obligations and benefits as other county employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 An Act to create a joint county-municipal board of elections and registration for Butts  
12 County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3908), is amended by adding a new  
13 subsection to Section 2 to read as follows:

14 "(e) No person who has been employed by Butts County, the City of Jackson, the City of  
15 Jenkinsburg, or the City of Flovilla shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board until  
16 a period of three years has elapsed from such individual's final date of employment with  
17 one of the aforementioned local governments."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

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21 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 4.

22 Each member of the board shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself without limitation,  
23 provided that the appropriate governing authority chooses to reappoint the member. Each  
24 member of the board shall have the right to resign at any time by giving written notice of  
25 his or her resignation to the governing authority that appointed such member and to the

26 clerk of the Superior Court of Butts County. Members of the board shall be subject to  
27 removal for cause by their respective appointing governing authority following reasonable  
28 notice and hearing."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 10 as follows:

31 "SECTION 10.

32 The board shall be authorized to appoint an election director to generally supervise, direct,  
33 and control the administration of the affairs of the board pursuant to law and duly adopted  
34 resolution of the board. The election director shall not be a member of the board or an  
35 elected official. The election director shall be considered an employee of Butts County and  
36 shall be entitled to the same benefits as other employees of Butts County."

37 **SECTION 4.**

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

39 "SECTION 11.

40 With the consent of the governing authority of Butts County, the board shall be authorized  
41 to employ such full-time and part-time employees as deemed necessary for the efficient  
42 conduct of elections, primaries, and registration of electors. Such employees shall be  
43 considered employees of Butts County, subject to all rules, regulations, and policies  
44 governing county employees and shall be entitled to the same benefits as other employees  
45 of the county."

46 **SECTION 5.**

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