

House Bill 559 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 McDuffie County,  
2 approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4410), so as to increase the membership of the  
3 board; to provide for the manner of appointment and terms of office; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for McDuffie County, approved  
8 March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4410), is amended by designating the existing text of  
9 Section 2 as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) Effective January 1, 2016, the membership of the board of elections and registration  
11 shall be increased to five members. The two new members shall be selected as provided  
12 in this subsection. One member shall be appointed by the political party that received the  
13 highest number of votes in this state for its candidate for President in the general election  
14 immediately preceding the appointment of the member for a term of four years and until  
15 his or her respective successor is selected and qualified. The other member shall be  
16 appointed by the political party that received the second highest number of votes in this  
17 state for its candidate for President in the general election immediately preceding the  
18 appointment of the member for a term of four years and until his or her respective  
19 successor is selected and qualified. Each of the two appointments shall be made as  
20 follows: the member shall be nominated by the chairperson of the appropriate county  
21 political party and ratified by the county executive committee of the appropriate county  
22 political party at least 30 days before the beginning of the term of office or within 30 days  
23 after the creation of a vacancy in the office. On and after January 1, 2016, the chairperson  
24 shall be selected by all four members appointed by the political parties and, if such four  
25 members fail to appoint the fifth member within 30 days after the end of the fifth member's

26 term of office, the chief judge of the Superior Court of the Toombs Judicial Circuit shall  
27 appoint the fifth member."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.