

House Bill 1550 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Tankersley of the 160th, and Petrea of the 166th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bryan County, approved
2 April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4075), so as to add two members to the board; to provide for
3 manner of appointments; to provide for terms of office; to provide for eligibility; to provide
4 for officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bryan County, approved April 10,
8 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4075), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

9 "SECTION 3.

10 (a) As of July 1, 2022, the board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall
11 meet the applicable eligibility requirements under Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the
12 O.C.G.A., Code Section 21-2-75 of the O.C.G.A., and other general law.

13 (b) Members of the board shall be qualified and selected in the following manner:

14 (1) All members of the board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of
15 Bryan County;

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16 (2)(A) The three members serving on the effective date of this section shall serve out
17 the terms to which they were appointed, unless otherwise removed pursuant to the
18 terms of this Act.

19 (B) The initial terms of office of two new members, as designated by their
20 appointment, shall begin on July 1, 2022, and shall expire on December 31, 2024, and
21 upon the appointment and qualification of their respective successors.

22 (3) Successors to the members of the board whose terms expire shall be appointed to take
23 office on the first day of January immediately following the expiration of such terms of
24 office and shall serve for terms of four years each and until their successors are duly
25 appointed and qualified. The board shall take no official action until all members have
26 been certified to the clerk of the Superior Court of Bryan County;

27 (4) Each member of the board shall serve for a term of four years and until their
28 successor is appointed and qualified, except that initial terms of office shall be as
29 provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

30 (5) No person who holds elective public office shall be eligible to serve as a member of
31 the board during the term of such elective public office, and the position of membership
32 of any member shall be deemed vacant upon such member qualifying as a candidate for
33 an elective public office.

34 (c) At the first meeting of each calendar year the members of the board shall select one of
35 their members to serve as chairperson and one of their members to serve as secretary."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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