

House Bill 952 (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 Bulloch County and
2 provide for its powers and duties, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4409), so as to
3 increase the size of the board to five members; to revise procedures for the appointment of
4 such board members; to provide for interim terms; to provide for related matters; to provide
5 for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Bulloch County and provide for its
9 powers and duties, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4409), is amended by revising
10 Section 2 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 (a) Such board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and
13 resident of Bulloch County and who shall be appointed by the governing authority of
14 Bulloch County.

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15 (b) One member of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of the county
16 after consideration of a list of not more than five nominations provided by the local
17 executive committee of the political party whose candidate at the last preceding regular
18 general election held for the election of Governor received the largest number of votes in
19 this state for Governor; provided, however, that, with the exception of a vacancy in office
20 prior to a member's unexpired term, the governing authority of the county shall not be
21 required to consider said nominations unless the list is delivered to the governing authority
22 of the county not later than 90 calendar days preceding the date on which such member is
23 to take office; and provided, further, that, the governing authority of the county shall not
24 in any event be required to appoint a member from said list of nominations if, in the
25 governing authority's sole discretion, it determines that none of the nominees on said list
26 are suitable for appointment to the board.

27 (c) One member of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of the county
28 after consideration of a list of not more than five nominations provided by the local
29 executive committee of the political party whose candidate at the last preceding regular
30 general election held for the election of Governor received the second largest number of
31 votes in this state for Governor; provided, however, that, with the exception of a vacancy
32 in office prior to a member's unexpired term, the governing authority of the county shall
33 not be required to consider said nominations unless the list is delivered to the governing
34 authority of the county not later than 90 calendar days preceding the date on which such
35 member is to take office; and provided, further, that, the governing authority shall not in
36 any event be required to appoint a member from said list of nominations if, in the
37 governing authority's sole discretion, it determines that none of the nominees on said list
38 are suitable for appointment to the board.

39 (d) Three members of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of the
40 county without receiving a list of nominations pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this
41 section.

42 (e) The three members of the board in office on January 1, 2027, shall continue to serve
43 out their unexpired terms; provided, however, that, if one of more of these three members
44 is unable to serve out their unexpired term, the governing authority of the county shall
45 appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with Section 5
46 of this Act. Such three members or their successors shall be appointed for future terms of
47 four years in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

48 (f) Two members of the board shall be appointed in accordance with subsections (b)
49 and (c) of this section for initial terms of one year commencing on January 1, 2027, and
50 ending on December 31, 2027. Thereafter, such two members or their successors shall be
51 appointed for terms of four years in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section,
52 and any vacancies in the office of such two members shall be filled in accordance with
53 subsections (b) and (c) of this section and Section 5 of this Act."

54 **SECTION 2.**

55 This Act shall become effective for the purpose of appointing the additional board members
56 on July 1, 2026, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.

57 **SECTION 3.**

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