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House Bill 736 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Williams of the 148th and Hagan of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Ben Hill County,
- 2 approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4989), so as to revise provisions relating to the
- 3 appointment of board members; to revise provisions relating to filling vacancies on the
- 4 board; to revise provisions as to the compensation of board members; to redesignate the chief
- 5 executive officer of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
- 6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

- 9 An Act to create a board of elections and registration for Ben Hill County, approved
- 10 April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4989), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:
- 11 "SECTION 2.
- 12 The Ben Hill County Board of Election and Registration shall be composed of five
- members, each of whom shall be an elector and a resident of Ben Hill County. All
- members of the board shall be appointed by the governing authority of Ben Hill County.
- 15 The governing authority of Ben Hill County shall designate one of the appointed board

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members as chairperson of the board of elections and registration. The term of office of the chairperson shall be two years, and a person may be appointed to succeed himself or herself as chairperson."

19 SECTION 2.

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

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No person shall take office as a member of the board unless the respective appointing authority files an affidavit with the clerk of the Superior Court of Ben Hill County no later than 30 days immediately preceding the date on which such member is to take office stating the name and residential address of the person appointed or elected and certifying that such member has been duly appointed as provided for in this Act. Said clerk shall record each such certification on the minutes of the superior court and shall certify the name of each appointed member to the Secretary of State and shall provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions to the members within the same time and in the same manner as provided by general law for registrars."

31 SECTION 3.

32 Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 6 and 7 as follows:

33 "SECTION 6.

The compensation of the elections supervisor and chief registrar shall be fixed by the governing authority of Ben Hill County and the compensation of the members of the board

shall be likewise fixed and paid by the governing authority of Ben Hill County.

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37 SECTION 7.

In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of any member before the expiration of that member's term of office, whether by removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, the respective appointing authority shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is regularly appointed."

42 SECTION 4.

43 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 12 as follows:

44 "SECTION 12.

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The elections supervisor and chief registrar shall be the chief executive officer and shall generally supervise, direct, and control the administration of the affairs of the board pursuant to law and duly adopted resolutions of the board. The board shall fix and establish, by appropriate resolution entered on its minutes, directives governing the execution of matters within its jurisdiction."

SECTION 5.

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