

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Board Established by: State

## Description:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-40, there was created the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration which shall have the powers and duties of the election superintendent of Fulton County relating to the conduct of elections and the powers and duties of the board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures. Established by Georgia Law, 1989, Act 250, this law effectively merged the functions of the former Board of Registrars and the Board of Registration and Elections to create this Board. Act 250 also provided that the members of the former Board of Registration and Elections would be the initial members of this Board, beginning in 1989.

HB 656 (Fulton County; board of elections and registration; revise manner of appointment of chairperson) – Representatives Jackson D-64 (City of South Fulton), Beasley-Teague D-65 (Fairburn) and Gardner D-57 (Atlanta): HB 656 authorizes the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to independently appoint the Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Chairperson. Senate Passed/Adopted

## Membership/Appointment:

The board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of Fulton County, who shall be appointed in the following manner:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of all members of the General Assembly received the largest number of votes in this state for members of the General Assembly;

(2) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the election described in paragraph (1) of this section received the second largest number of such votes; and

(3) One member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County, which member shall be designated permanent chairperson of the board."

The appointment of each member shall be made no later than 30 days preceding the date at which such member is to take office by notifying the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County in writing of the name and address of the person appointed. The Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County shall make a record of such notification on the minutes of the court, certify such appointments to the secretary of state, and provide for the issuance of appropriate commissions, within the same time and in the same manner as provided by law for registrars.

## Term:

Two (2) years. New terms begin July 1 - APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 1.

**Compensation:** YES                      **Stipend:** \$50/meeting

**Meetings:** Second Tuesday of the month

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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
1 Ms. Mary C. Cooney	Chairperson Nominated By: Chairman Robert L. Pitts	6/30/2021
2 Mr. Aaron Johnson	Democratic Party Appointee-a Nominated By: Fulton County Democratic Party	6/30/2021
3 Mrs. Vernetta Nuriddin	Democratic Party Appointee-b Nominated By: The Fulton County Democratic Party	6/30/2021
4 Dr. Kathleen Ruth	Republican Party Appointee-b Nominated By: The Republican Party	6/30/2021
5 Mr. Mark Wingate	Republican Party Appointee-a Nominated By: Full Board Appointments	6/30/2021