

**ORDINANCE CREATING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
REGISTRATION.**

This ordinance adopted by the governing authority to Bleckley County

WITNESSTH:

WHEREAS O.C.G.A. 21-2-40.1(b)(1) requires that any county in which a probate judge serves as an election superintendent to create a board of elections and registration no later than December 15, 2024. The purpose of the board is to assume the duties of the county's election superintendent relating to the conduct of primaries and elections, and to have the powers and duties of the board of registrars relating to the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures beginning on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of Bleckley County to be compliant with O.C.G.A. 21-2-40.1 (b)(1) by no longer having the Probate Judge serve as the County Election Superintendent after December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS Bleckley County intends to create the County Board of Election and Registration as described in O.C.G.A 21-2-40.1. The Board will assume the powers and duties of the Election Superintendent and Board of Registrars (Board) on January 1, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE, the sole Commissioner of Bleckley County adopts this ordinance creating the Bleckley County Board of Elections and Registration as follows:

The Board shall consist of three members and an election supervisor. The initial three members of the Board appointed by sole Commissioner of Bleckley County are:

Rene Yawn
671 Limestone Rd
Cochran, Georgia 31014

Annette Wyche
189 Coley Station Rd
Cochran, Georgia 31014

William Faircloth, Jr
164 Albert Grimsley Rd
Cochran, Georgia 31014

Cheryl Ates has been chosen to serve as the Election Supervisor for the newly appointed Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Each Board member shall serve a term of 4 years with no member of the Board serving more than four consecutive terms. However, for the initial creation of the Board, one member of the Board will serve a 2-year term to stagger the

terms of the board members. Board member, Rene Yawn, has been selected to serve an initial two-year term. Thereafter, that post will serve terms of 4 years.

The Board will be responsible for organizing itself, electing officers, determining procedural rules and regulations, adopting bylaws, and specifying the functions and duties of the Board. The Board shall hold shall establish by resolution entered into the minutes, directives governing the execution of matters within its jurisdiction. The Board shall hold regular monthly meetings at a time and place to be fixed by resolution by the Board. All meeting shall comply with the open meetings laws and open records law of the State of Georgia.

The Board shall be governed by all State laws, including but limited to O.C.G.A. 21-2-40.1.

The ordinance is hereby adopted on the ____ of November, 2024, by the governing authority of Bleckley County, the sole Commissioner of Beckley County.



Mike Davis, sole Commissioner of Bleckley County

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Freida Dykes, County Clerk of Bleckley County