

House Bill 1257 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th and Purcell of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the County
2 of Effingham, approved July 26, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 466), as amended, so as to revise the
3 powers and duties of the chairperson of the board; to provide for meetings; to provide for
4 quorum and voting; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the County of
9 Effingham, approved July 26, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 466), as amended, is amended by
10 revising Section 2 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 The chairperson shall be the official spokesperson for the board. At the first regular
13 meeting in January of each year, the board shall elect from its members a vice chairperson.
14 In the event of the death, disqualification, or resignation of the chairperson, the vice
15 chairperson shall perform the duties and have the authority of the chairperson until a new
16 chairperson is elected or appointed as provided in this Act. The vice chairperson shall
17 preside at board meetings in the absence of the chairperson. In the event of a vacancy in
18 the office of vice chairperson, the board shall elect a new vice chairperson to serve for the
19 remainder of the unexpired term."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

22 "SECTION 5.

23 The board shall hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in
24 the Office of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Effingham. The board may
25 meet in extraordinary session, as often as the affairs of the county may require, upon the

26 call of the chairperson or any other three members of the board. The chairperson shall
27 preside at all meetings of the board and shall have the authority to set the agenda and order
28 of the agenda for the meetings. Board members and staff shall have the authority to place
29 items on the agenda for consideration by the board in accordance with ordinances,
30 resolutions, or policies adopted by the board."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

33 "SECTION 6.

34 At all meetings of the board, four commissioners shall constitute a quorum, and no order
35 shall be passed, no business transacted, nor any other action taken in regard to any county
36 matter except upon the vote of at least three members. At least three votes shall be
37 necessary to decide any question. The chairperson shall vote on matters before the board
38 only if necessary to break a tie."

39 **SECTION 4.**

40 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

41 **SECTION 5.**

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