

Senate Bill 512

By: Senator Cheeks of the 23rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County, approved August
2 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts;
3 to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current
4 members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for
5 submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
6 amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County, approved August 21, 1911
10 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in its place a new
11 Section 1 to read as follows:

12 **"SECTION 1.**

13 (a) Those members of the board of commissioners of Burke County who are serving as
14 such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a
15 vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular
16 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their
17 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the board of
18 commissioners of Burke County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be elected
19 from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section.

20 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Burke County is
21 divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
22 each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five
23 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
24 identified as Plan Name: burkep1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Burke.

(c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Burke County which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Burke County which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

(d) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law applicable to that office.

(e) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a person must receive the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only electors who are residents of that commissioner district may vote for a member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from a commissioner district, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from a commissioner district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

(f) The first members of the board of commissioners of Burke County elected pursuant to this Act shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2004. The members of the board elected thereto in 2004 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2008, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day

1 of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four
2 years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in
3 this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

4 (g) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in
5 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

6 (h) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
7 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and
8 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date
9 of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts
10 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly
11 described under this Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Burke County to submit
14 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
15 amended.

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

1 Plan Name: burkep1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Burke

2 Redistricting Plan Components Report

3 District 001

4 Burke County

5 Tract: 9502

6 BG: 1

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19 Tract: 9503

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12 District 002
13 Burke County
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30 District 003
31 Burke County
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 35 Tract: 9507

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