

House Bill 1818

By: Representative Holland of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the election of members of the board of education of Turner
2 County, approved March 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 4862), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5874), so as to reapportion the education districts;
4 to define certain terms; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the
5 submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related
6 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide for the election of members of the board of education of Turner County,
10 approved March 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 4862), as amended, particularly by an Act
11 approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5874), is amended by striking subsections (a) and
12 (b) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) The board of education of Turner County shall consist of five members to be elected
15 in accordance with this Act. For the purpose of electing such members, the Turner County
16 School District shall be divided into five education districts which shall be and correspond
17 to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
18 and further identified as Plan Name: turnerwk01 Plan Type: Local User: staff
19 Administrator: Turner.

20 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
21 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
22 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
23 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
24 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
25 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

1 Georgia. Any part of the Turner County School District which is not included in any such
2 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such
3 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
4 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Turner County School District which is
5 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be
6 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
7 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
8 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
9 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any
10 commissioner district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it
11 shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the
12 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
15 education of Turner County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election and
16 in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the
17 United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to
18 affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner
19 in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law
20 on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of
21 reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Turner County School District to submit this Act
24 for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

25 **SECTION 4.**

26 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
27 members of the board of education of Turner County shall become effective upon its
28 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
29 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

30 **SECTION 5.**

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