

House Bill 358 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Frazier of the 123rd, Jackson of the 142nd, and Burns of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County,"
2 approved August 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3804), so as to provide for staggered terms for the
4 members of such board of commissioners; to provide for submission for preclearance under
5 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act entitled "An Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County," approved
10 August 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March
11 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3804), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 1 as
12 follows:

13 "(a) There shall be a board of commissioners of Burke County, which shall consist of five
14 members. The terms of the members in office on the effective date of this section shall
15 expire on December 31, 2012, as provided in such Act, as amended. The successors to the
16 commissioners elected from commissioner districts 2 and 4 shall be elected at the general
17 election held in 2012 for terms of two years and until their successors are duly elected and
18 qualified. The successors of the commissioners so elected shall be elected quadrennially
19 thereafter for terms of four years. The commissioners elected from commissioner districts
20 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the general election held in 2012 for terms of four years and
21 until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The successors of the commissioners
22 so elected shall be elected quadrennially thereafter for terms of four years."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 The governing authority of Burke County shall cause, through its legal counsel, this Act to
25 be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as

26 amended, within 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or
27 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.