

Senate Bill 527

By: Senator Crosby of the 13th

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 May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5349), so as to change the description of the
4 education districts; to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for
5 continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for the
6 submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
7 1965, as amended; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 An Act to provide for the election of members of the board of education of Turner County,
12 approved March 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 4862), as amended, particularly by an Act
13 approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5349), is amended by revising subsections (a) and
14 (b) of Section 1 as follows:

15 "(a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education of Turner County, the
16 Turner County School District is divided into five districts. Such districts shall be and
17 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part
18 of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: turnerwk01 Plan Type: Local Administrator:
19 Turner User: staff'.

20 (b)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
21 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
22 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
23 Georgia.

24 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
25 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
26 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the

27 State of Georgia. Any part of the Turner County School District which is not included
28 in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district
29 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States
30 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

31 (3) Any part of the Turner County School District which is described in that attachment
32 as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if
33 such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be
34 included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
35 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

36 (4) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
37 description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
38 boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census
39 of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 The Board of Education of Turner County which existed on December 31, 2012, is continued
42 in existence but on and after January 1, 2013, shall be constituted as provided in this Act.
43 The Board of Education of Turner County so continued and constituted, sometimes referred
44 to in this Act as the "board," shall continue to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and
45 liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1, 2013.

46 **SECTION 3.**

47 The Board of Education of Turner County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
48 be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
49 amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
50 or otherwise becomes law without such approval. If, as of the first date upon which
51 candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary in 2012, implementation of this Act
52 is not permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, then as of such
53 date this Act shall be void and stand repealed in its entirety.

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of
56 members of the Board of Education of Turner County shall become effective upon its
57 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
58 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.

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SECTION 5.

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