

Senate Bill 528

By: Senator Crosby of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Turner County, approved August 18,
2 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 702), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga.
3 L. 2002, p. 4992), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to define
4 certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of
5 current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this Act for
6 preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to
7 provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating a board of commissioners of Turner County, approved August 18, 1927 (Ga.
11 L. 1927, p. 702), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002,
12 p. 4992), is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 as follows:

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

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

22 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
23 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
24 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
25 State of Georgia. Any part of Turner County which is not included in any such district
26 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part

27 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
28 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

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

38 **SECTION 2.**

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

45 **SECTION 3.**

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

53 **SECTION 4.**

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

58 **SECTION 5.**

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