

House Bill 544

By: Representatives Turner of the 21st, Carson of the 46th, Hill of the 22nd, and Caldwell of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the office of commissioner of Cherokee County, approved
2 August 9, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 177), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), so as to provide that candidates for the board of
4 commissioners shall have resided within the respective district from which they seek election
5 for a period of at least 12 months immediately preceding their election; to provide for related
6 matters; to provide contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the office of commissioner of Cherokee County, approved August 9, 1915
11 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 177), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1989
12 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), is amended by revising subsection (g) of Section 2 as follows:

13 "(g) Members of the commission, other than the chairperson, shall be citizens of this state
14 who have attained the age of 21 years and who have been residents of their respective
15 commissioner districts for not less than 12 months immediately preceding their election
16 and shall hold no other elective public office."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013, provided that the General Assembly passes
19 legislation during the 2013 session amending Code Section 45-2-1 of the Official Code of
20 Georgia Annotated authorizing the imposition by local law of district residency requirements
21 for county officers. Otherwise, this Act shall be repealed by operation of law on such date.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.