

House Bill 544 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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**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 Otherwise, this Act shall be repealed by operation of law on such date.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23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.