

House Bill 1124

By: Representatives Parham of the 122<sup>nd</sup> and Hudson of the 120<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, approved  
2 December 26, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, so as to change the description of the  
3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
4 in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent  
5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights  
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
7 other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County, approved December 26,  
11 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 286), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 1  
12 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(a)(1) There is created a five-member board of commissioners of Baldwin County who  
14 shall administer the affairs of the county. For purposes of electing members of the board  
15 of commissioners, Baldwin County is divided into five commissioner districts. The five  
16 commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described  
17 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name:  
18 baldwinwk2 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Baldwin Co.

19 (2) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
20 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
21 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.  
22 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'  
23 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in  
24 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
25 the State of Georgia. Any part of Baldwin County which is not included in any such  
26 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to

1 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
2 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Baldwin County which is described  
3 in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
4 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous  
5 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
6 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State  
7 of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,  
8 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
9 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
10 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

11 (3) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to June 1,  
12 2002, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
13 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such  
14 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed  
15 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under  
16 this Act."

## 17 SECTION 2.

18 Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County who are serving as such  
19 on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue  
20 to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and  
21 upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

## 22 SECTION 3.

23 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County to  
24 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
25 as amended.

## 26 SECTION 4.

27 This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2002.

## 28 SECTION 5.

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