

House Bill 1276

By: Representative Channell of the 111<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Oglethorpe County, approved  
2 February 13, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3586), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 February 6, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4514), so as to revise the districts for the election of  
4 members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide  
5 for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights  
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; 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 a Board of Commissioners of Oglethorpe County, approved February 13,  
11 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3586), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 6, 1992  
12 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4514), is amended by striking Section 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
13 thereof a new Section 2 to read as follows:

14 **"SECTION 2.**

15 (a) For the purpose of electing the members of the board other than the chairperson,  
16 Oglethorpe County shall be divided into five commissioner districts which 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 Name: oglethccsbwk2 Plan Type: Local User:  
19 Angela Administrator: Oglethorpe.

20 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
21 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
22 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
23 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
24 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
25 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

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

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

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the governing authority of Lanier County to submit this  
21 Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

22 **SECTION 3.**

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