

House Bill 1294

By: Representative Sims of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the office of commissioner of roads and revenues in the County
2 of Atkinson (now the board of commissioners of Atkinson County), approved July 23, 1931
3 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 380), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of
5 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting
6 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the office of commissioner of roads and revenues in the County of Atkinson
10 (now the board of commissioners of Atkinson County), approved July 23, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931,
11 p. 380), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in its place a new
12 Section 1 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) Those members of the board of commissioners of Atkinson County who are serving
15 as such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill
16 a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular
17 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their
18 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the board of
19 commissioners of Atkinson County shall consist of a chairperson and five members all of
20 whom shall be elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this
21 section except for the member who is chairperson and who is elected at large.

22 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
23 chairperson, Atkinson County is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of
24 the board shall be elected from each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be
25 and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a

1 part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: atkinsonwk1 Plan Type: Local User:
2 Gina Administrator: Atkinson.

3 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
4 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
5 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
6 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
7 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
8 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
9 Georgia. Any part of Atkinson County which is not included in any such district described
10 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
11 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for
12 the State of Georgia. Any part of Atkinson County which is described in that attachment
13 as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such
14 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
15 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
16 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise
17 provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such
18 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as
19 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
20 Georgia.

21 (d) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
22 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and
23 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date
24 of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts
25 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly
26 described under this Act."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Atkinson County to
29 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
30 as amended.

31 **SECTION 3.**

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