

House Bill 1307

By: Representatives Mueller of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, Stephens of the 150<sup>th</sup> and Day of the 153<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act completely revising the laws relative to the governing authority of Chatham  
2 County, approved March 29, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5050), as amended, so as to change the  
3 description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide  
4 for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
5 amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act completely revising the laws relative to the governing authority of Chatham County,  
9 approved March 29, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5050), as amended, is amended by striking  
10 Section 3 and inserting in its place a new Section 3 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 3.

12 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Chatham County is  
13 divided into eight commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
14 each such district. The eight commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those eight  
15 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
16 identified as Plan Name: Alternative-F2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator:  
17 Chatham Co.

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

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

11 (c) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as they exist on January 1, 2002, shall  
12 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively,  
13 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, 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 this  
16 Act."

## 17 **SECTION 2.**

18 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to  
19 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
20 as amended.

## 21 **SECTION 3.**

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