

House Bill 1376

By: Representative Everett of the 163rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, approved March
2 4, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 834), 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 submission of this Act for approval under the
5 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, approved March 4, 1941
10 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 834), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (c) and (d) of
11 Section 1 and inserting in their place new subsections (c), (d), and (d.1) to read as follows:

12 "(c) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
13 chairperson, Dougherty County is divided into six commissioner districts. One member
14 of the board shall be elected from each such district. The six commissioner districts shall
15 be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made
16 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: Option 2 Plan Type: Local User:
17 Gina Administrator: Dougherty Co.

18 (d) 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 Dougherty County which is not included in any such district
25 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
26 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000

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

10 (d.1) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the
11 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2,
12 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
13 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former
14 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective
15 districts as newly described under this Act."

16 SECTION 2.

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

20 SECTION 3

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