

House Bill 1384

By: Representative Birdsong of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County, approved July 27,  
2 1923 (Ga, L. 1923, p. 324), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 4, 1993 (Ga.  
3 L. 1993, p. 3928), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to  
4 provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act to the  
5 United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective  
6 dates; 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 a Board of Commissioners of Twiggs County, approved July 27, 1923 (Ga,  
10 L. 1923, p. 324), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993,  
11 p. 3928), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
12 following:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (a) The chairperson of the board of commissioners may reside anywhere within Twiggs  
15 County and shall be elected by a majority of the qualified electors of Twiggs County voting  
16 at the elections hereinafter provided for in this Act. Any person offering as a candidate for  
17 chairperson shall have been a resident of said county for at least two years immediately  
18 preceding the date of the election and shall remain a resident during the term of office. The  
19 chairperson and all other members shall be at least 21 years of age as of the date of taking  
20 office.

21 (b) The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered  
22 districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as  
23 Plan Name: twiggswk2 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Twiggs.

24 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
25 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of

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

## SECTION 2.

18 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of  
19 commissioners of Twiggs County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election  
20 and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based  
21 on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly  
22 to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the  
23 manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided  
24 by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent  
25 of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

### SECTION 3.

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

## SECTION 4.

31 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of  
32 members of the board of commissioners of Twiggs County shall become effective upon its  
33 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act  
34 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

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**SECTION 5.**

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