

House Bill 1404

By: Representative Smith of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County, approved March
2 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3689), so as to change the description of the commissioner
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of
4 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting
5 Rights Act of 1965, as 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 creating the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County, approved March 27, 1995
9 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3689), is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2-2 and
10 inserting in their place new subsections (b), (c), and (c.1) to read as follows:

11 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
12 chairperson, Dawson County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of
13 the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall
14 be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made
15 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: dawccsb3 Plan Type: Local
16 User: staff Administrator: Dawson.

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

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

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

15 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

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