

House Bill 1414

By: Representatives DeLoach of the 172nd, Barnard of the 154th, Mosley of the 171st and Tillman of the 173rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Liberty County, approved March
2 12, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 712), 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 election and terms of office of subsequent
5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Liberty County, approved March 12, 1935
11 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 712), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 of said Act and inserting
12 in lieu thereof the following:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 (a) There is created the Board of Commissioners of the Liberty County consisting of a
15 chairperson and six additional members.

16 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Liberty County is
17 divided into seven commissioner districts. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall
18 be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made
19 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: libertyplan2r Plan Type: Local
20 User: staff Administrator: Liberty. Commissioner District 7 shall consist of all the
21 territory embraced within Liberty County.

22 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
23 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
24 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
25 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading

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

15 (d) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Liberty County who are serving as
16 such on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall
17 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
18 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors as specified in
19 Section 2 of this Act. On and after June 1, 2002, Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
20 and 7 shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,
21 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such
22 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed
23 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
24 Act."

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Liberty County to
27 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
28 as amended.

29 **SECTION 4.**

30 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
31 election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Liberty County in 2002 shall become
32 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
33 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

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SECTION 5.

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