

House Bill 1488

By: Representatives Snelling of the 99th and Hembree of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Douglas County, approved
2 February 15, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 2703), 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 the board of commissioners of Douglas County, approved February 15, 1952
10 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 2703), as amended, is amended by striking Section 3 and inserting in its
11 place a new Section 3 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
14 chairperson, Douglas County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of
15 the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall
16 be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made
17 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: douglascckwk2 Plan Type: Local
18 User: staff Administrator: Douglas.

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2.

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

22 SECTION 3.

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