

House Bill 1508

By: Representative Jenkins of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Jasper County, approved July 23,
2 1923 (Ga. L. 1923, p. 255), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1935
3 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 701), an Act approved April 11, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3629), an Act
4 approved March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3807), and an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga.
5 L. 1993, p. 4641), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to
6 provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act to the
7 United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective
8 dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Jasper County, approved July 23, 1923 (Ga.
12 L. 1923, p. 255), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935,
13 p.701), an Act approved April 11, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3629), an Act approved March 12,
14 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3807), and an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4641), is
15 amended by redesignating subsection (d) of Section 1 as subsection (c) and by striking in
16 their entirety subsections (a) and (c) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
17 "(a) There is established in Jasper County a board of commissioners, which shall be the
18 governing authority of Jasper County and shall be composed of five members as provided
19 in this section. For the purpose of electing members of the board, Jasper County is divided
20 into five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts
21 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan
22 Name: jasperp1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Jasper. When used in such
23 attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same
24 geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
25 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric
26 designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and

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

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Jasper County to submit
25 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
26 amended.

27 **SECTION 4.**

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

32 **SECTION 5.**

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