

House Bill 1551

By: Representative Hudgens of the 24<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Madison County, approved  
2 March 27, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2667), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 12, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4873), so as to revise the districts for the election of  
4 members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide  
5 for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights  
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; 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 Madison County, approved March 27, 1965  
11 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2667), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 12, 1992 (Ga.  
12 L. 1992, p. 4873), is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof a new  
13 Section 2 to read as follows:

14 **"SECTION 2.**

15 (a) For the purpose of electing the members of the board of commissioners, Madison  
16 County shall be divided into five commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to  
17 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and  
18 further identified as Plan Name: madisoncc1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator:  
19 Madison Co.

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

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

12 (c) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall  
13 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as  
14 newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such  
15 members of the board serving from those former commission districts shall be deemed to  
16 be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this  
17 section."

## 18 SECTION 2.

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

## 22 SECTION 3.

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