

House Bill 1618

By: Representative Hanner of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Terrell County, approved February
2 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1993
3 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5147), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain
4 terms; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act
5 to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Terrell County, approved February 28, 1966
10 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L.
11 1993, p. 5147), is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 and inserting in
12 lieu thereof the following:

13 "(a) There is created a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for Terrell County,
14 to be composed of a chairperson and four commissioners. For the purpose of electing the
15 board of commissioners, Terrell County is divided into four commissioner districts. The
16 four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts
17 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan
18 Name: terrccp2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Terrell.

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 Terrell County which is not included in any such district described
26 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which

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

11 **SECTION 2.**

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

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Terrell County to submit
22 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
23 amended.

24 **SECTION 4.**

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

29 **SECTION 5.**

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