

House Bill 1675

By: Representatives Williams of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Hammontree of the 4<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Whitfield County, approved  
2 February 21, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2175), as amended, so as to change the description of the  
3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission  
4 of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Whitfield County, approved February 21,  
9 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2175), as amended, is amended by striking Section 3 and inserting in  
10 its place a new Section 3 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 3.

12 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the  
13 chairperson, Whitfield County is divided into four commissioner districts. The four  
14 commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described  
15 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name:  
16 whitccwk1 Plan Type: LOCAL User: staff Administrator: WHITFIELD.

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

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

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

## 16 SECTION 2.

17 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Whitfield County to  
18 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
19 as amended.

## 20 SECTION 3.

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