

House Bill 1681

By: Representative Parrish of the 144<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County, approved July  
2 18, 1919 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 646), 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 election and terms of office of subsequent  
5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights  
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; 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 Emanuel County, approved July 18, 1919  
11 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 646), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 1 of  
12 said Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(b) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County who are serving  
14 as such on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
15 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
16 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (d) of Section 1 of said Act and inserting  
19 in its place the following:

20 "(d)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Emanuel  
21 County is divided into five single-member commissioner districts. The five  
22 commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described  
23 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name:  
24 emancc1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Emanuel.

1 (2) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
2 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
3 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.  
4 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'  
5 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in  
6 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
7 the State of Georgia. Any part of Emanuel County which is not included in any such  
8 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to  
9 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
10 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Emanuel County which is described  
11 in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
12 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous  
13 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
14 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State  
15 of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,  
16 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
17 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
18 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

19 (3) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to June 1,  
20 2002, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
21 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such  
22 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed  
23 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under  
24 this Act."

### 25 SECTION 3.

26 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County to  
27 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
28 as amended.

### 29 SECTION 4.

30 This section, Section 3 of this Act, and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election  
31 of members of the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County in 2002 shall become  
32 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
33 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective on June 1, 2002.

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**SECTION 5.**

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