

House Bill 1713

By: Representatives Hudson of the 120th and Jackson of the 112th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County, approved
2 February 16, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3658), 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 a Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County, approved February 16,
11 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 1978
12 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3658), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 3 and inserting in
13 lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a)(1) For the purpose of electing the members of the board, McDuffie County is hereby
15 divided into two commissioner districts. Districts 1 and 2 shall be and correspond to
16 those two numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
17 further identified as Plan Name: mcduffsup-prop Plan Type: Local User: Gina
18 Administrator: McDuffie Co.

19 (2) 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
21 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.
22 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'
23 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in
24 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for
25 the State of Georgia. Any part of McDuffie County which is not included in any such
26 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to

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

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

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

21 **SECTION 3.**

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