

House Bill 1625 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Clayton County board of commissioners, approved February 8,  
2 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1993  
3 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4335), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board  
4 of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this  
5 Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
6 amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;  
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Clayton County board of commissioners, approved February 8, 1955  
11 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1993  
12 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4335), is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 2 and inserting in  
13 lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b)(1) For the purpose of electing commissioners, Clayton County is divided into four  
15 commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts  
16 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan  
17 Name: claytonccwk Plan Type: LOCAL User: staff Administrator: CNTY-CLAYTON.

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

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

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

## 16 **SECTION 2.**

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

## 20 **SECTION 3.**

21 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of  
22 members of the board of commissioners of Clayton County shall become effective upon its  
23 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act  
24 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

## 25 **SECTION 4.**

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