

House Bill 1729

By: Representatives Mills of the 21st, Smith of the 19th, Rogers of the 20th and Bell of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Hall County, approved March 21,
2 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 661), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 4, 1993 (Ga.
3 L. 1993, p. 3904), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to
4 provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act to the
5 United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective
6 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 the board of commissioners of Hall County, approved March 21, 1935 (Ga.
10 L. 1935, p. 661), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993,
11 p. 3904), is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3 and
12 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(a) The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered
14 districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
15 Plan Name: hallccl Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Hall Co.

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

1 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
2 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
3 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in
4 the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such district
5 refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on
6 the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

7 **SECTION 2.**

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

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Hall 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 4.**

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 Hall 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 5.**

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