

House Bill 1746

By: Representative Hanner of the 159<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to increase the number of commissioners of roads and  
2 revenues for the county of Calhoun from three to five," approved August 10, 1908 (Ga. L.  
3 1908, p. 276), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p.  
4 6123), so as to provide new commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions;  
5 to provide for continuation in office of current members and the election of their successors;  
6 to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of  
7 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act entitled "An Act to increase the number of commissioners of roads and revenues for  
11 the county of Calhoun from three to five," approved August 10, 1908 (Ga. L. 1908, p. 276),  
12 as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6123), is  
13 amended by striking in its entirety Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Calhoun County is  
16 divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
17 each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five  
18 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
19 identified as Plan Name: calhouncpln1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator:  
20 Calhoun.

21 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
22 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
23 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
24 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
25 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report

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

14 (c) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
15 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and  
16 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date  
17 of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts  
18 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly  
19 described under this Act. The commissioners serving on the effective date of this Act shall  
20 continue to serve for the remainder of their terms. Their successors shall be elected in the  
21 November, 2002, general election. The commissioners so elected from Commissioner  
22 Districts 2 and 4 shall serve initial terms of two years. The commissioners so elected from  
23 Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall serve initial terms of four years. Thereafter, all  
24 commissioners shall serve terms of four years."

## 25 **SECTION 2.**

26 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Calhoun 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 3.**

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