

House Bill 1747

By: Representative Hanner of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Commissioners of Schley
2 County, approved February 5, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2229), as amended, so as to change the
3 description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
4 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for
5 approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for 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 providing for the election of the Board of Commissioners of Schley County,
10 approved February 5, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2229), as amended, is amended by striking
11 subsection (a) of Section 1 and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
13 chairperson, Schley County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of
14 the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall
15 be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made
16 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: schley2 Plan Type: Local
17 User: staff Administrator: Schley Co. The fifth member of the board shall be the
18 chairperson and shall be elected at large from the entire county. Such position shall be
19 designated as Commissioner District 5.

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

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

12 (3) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the
13 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1,
14 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
15 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former
16 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their
17 respective districts as newly described under this Act."

18 SECTION 2.

19 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Schley County to
20 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
21 as amended.

22 SECTION 3.

23 This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
24 election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Schley County in 2002 shall become
25 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
26 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

27 SECTION 4.

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