

House Bill 1766

By: Representative Crawford of the 129th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for the County
2 of Pike, approved March 17, 1870 (Ga. L. 1870, p. 447), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3562), so as to change the description of the
4 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation
5 in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent
6 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
7 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

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

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for the County of Pike,
12 approved March 17, 1870 (Ga. L. 1870, p. 447), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
13 March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3562), is amended by striking subsection (d) of Section 3
14 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "(d)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
16 chairperson, Pike County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the
17 board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall be
18 and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made
19 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: pikeccp2remc Plan Type: Local
20 User: staff Administrator: Pike.

21 (2) 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
23 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.
24 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'
25 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in
26 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for

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

13 SECTION 2.

14 Said Act is further amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3 and inserting in
15 lieu thereof the following:

16 "SECTION 3.

17 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Pike County who are serving as
18 such on December 31, 2001, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
19 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
20 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On
21 and after January 1, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Pike County shall consist of four
22 members all of whom shall be elected from commissioner districts described in subsection
23 (d) of Section 2 except for the member who is chairperson and who is elected at large as
24 provided in subsection (a) of Section 2.

25 (b) The members from Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected at the general
26 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002. Those
27 members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 in 2002 shall
28 take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for
29 terms of office which expire December 31, 2006, and upon the election and qualification
30 of their respective successors. The members from Commissioner Districts 3 and 4 shall
31 be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
32 November, 2004. The chairperson and those members of the board elected thereto from
33 Commissioner Districts 3 and 4 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January
34 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire
35 December 31, 2008, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

1 Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire
2 shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the
3 expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following
4 that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board
5 shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their
6 respective successors are elected and qualified."

7 **SECTION 3.**

8 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Pike County to submit
9 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
10 amended.

11 **SECTION 4.**

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

16 **SECTION 5.**

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