

House Bill 1772

By: Representatives Lucas of the 124th, Randall of the 127th, Reichert of the 126th, Birdsong of the 123rd and Ray of the 128th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 23, 1992
2 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), as amended, so as to change the descriptions of the five electoral
3 districts provided for the authority; to define certain terms; to provide for continuation in
4 office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the
5 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide effective dates; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992,
10 p. 4991), as amended, is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of
11 Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(2) For the purpose of electing members of the authority, Bibb County and parts of Jones
13 County are divided into five electoral districts as follows:

14 (A) Districts 1 through 4 shall be and correspond to those numbered districts described
15 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name:
16 MWAp5 Plan Type: Local User: Linda Administrator: Macon City.

17 (B) District 5 shall consist of all of Bibb County and all those parts of Jones County
18 included in District 1.

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

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

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Districts 1 through 5 as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of the district
13 descriptions provided by this Act shall continue to be designated as Districts 1 through 5,
14 respectively, but as newly described under this Act; and on and after the effective date of the
15 district descriptions provided by this Act, such members of the Authority serving from those
16 former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing districts as newly
17 described under this Act.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Macon Water Authority to submit this Act for
20 approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 Sections 3 through 5 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election
23 in 2002 of members of the Macon Water Authority shall become effective upon its approval
24 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; and the remaining
25 provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

26 **SECTION 5.**

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