

The House Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local Legislation offered the following substitute to HB 1746:

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,
4 p. 6123), so as to provide new commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and
5 inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members and the election of
6 their successors; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
7 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

15 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Calhoun County
16 is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected
17 from each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to
18 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
19 and further identified as Plan Name: calhounccpln1 Plan Type: Local User: staff
20 Administrator: Calhoun.
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22 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
23 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau
24 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.
25 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'

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

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

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Calhoun County to
 29 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
 30 1965, as amended.

31 **SECTION 3.**

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