

House Bill 1799

By: Representatives Lane of the 146<sup>th</sup> and Lanier of the 145<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County, approved  
2 August 11, 1924 (Ga. L. 1924, p. 290), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4002), so as to revise the districts for the election of members  
4 of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
5 manner of election; to provide for a vice chairperson; to provide for submission of this Act  
6 for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;  
7 to provide for related matters; to provide 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 the Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County, approved August 11, 1924  
12 (Ga. L. 1924, p. 290), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000  
13 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4002), is amended by striking Sections 1 through 3 and inserting in lieu  
14 thereof new Sections 1 through 3 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 1.

16 (a) The county government of Bulloch County shall consist of a chairperson and six  
17 district commissioners who are hereby constituted under the name and style of the 'Board  
18 of Commissioners of Bulloch County, Georgia', and by such name they shall have such  
19 authority and power as provided by law.

20 (b) The board of commissioners shall consist of a part-time chairperson and six part-time  
21 district commissioners. The part-time chairperson shall be elected from the county at large.  
22 The six district commissioners shall be elected from two districts, District 1 and District 2.  
23 Two commissioners shall be elected at large from District 1 and the seats shall be  
24 designated as 1-A and 1-B. Four commissioners shall be elected at large from District 2  
25 and the seats shall be designated as 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, and 2-D.

1 (c) The vice chairperson position shall be filled by each of the six district commissioners  
2 who shall serve a one-year term, beginning in 1993, on a rotating basis in the following  
3 order: 1-A, 2-A, 2-B, 1-B, 2-C, 2-D and repeating accordingly.

#### 4 SECTION 2.

5 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Bulloch County  
6 is divided into two commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those two  
7 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
8 identified as Plan Name: bullccp2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Bulloch  
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10 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
11 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
12 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
13 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
14 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
15 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
16 Georgia. Any part of Bulloch County which is not included in any such district described  
17 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which  
18 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
19 the State of Georgia. Any part of Bulloch County which is described in that attachment as  
20 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such  
21 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included  
22 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according  
23 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise  
24 provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of such district refers  
25 to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the  
26 census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

#### 27 SECTION 3.

28 (a) The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election  
29 in November, 2000, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and  
30 until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

31 (b) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County  
32 from seats 1-B, 2-B, and 2-D shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2002.  
33 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four  
34 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

1 (c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County  
2 from seats 1-A, 2-A, and 2-C shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2004.  
3 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four  
4 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

5 (d) The chairperson of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County shall  
6 be elected at the state-wide general election in 2004. Such member shall take office on  
7 January 1 following his or her election for a term of four years and until his or her  
8 successor is elected and qualified.

9 (e) Successors to members elected under subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section shall  
10 be elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of  
11 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and  
12 until their successors are elected and qualified.

13 (f) Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue to  
14 be designated as Commissioner Districts 1 and 2, respectively, but as newly described  
15 under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board  
16 serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and  
17 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of  
24 members of the Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County shall become effective upon its  
25 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act  
26 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

27 **SECTION 4.**

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