

House Bill 1840

By: Representative Byrd of the 170<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, approved  
2 March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3288), as amended, so as to change the description of the  
3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
4 in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent  
5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights  
6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
7 other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, approved March 25,  
11 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3288), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section  
12 1A of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(a)(1) The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County as it exists immediately prior  
14 to June 1, 2002, is continued in existence but on and after June 1, 2002, shall be  
15 constituted as provided in this Act. The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County  
16 so continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall  
17 continue to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as  
18 existed immediately prior to June 1, 2002, and shall be subject to all constitutional and  
19 statutory provisions relating to boards of county commissioners.

20 (2) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County who are  
21 serving as such immediately prior to June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a  
22 vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular  
23 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of  
24 their respective successors. On and after June 1, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of  
25 Jeff Davis County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be elected from  
26 commissioner districts described in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Commissioner

1 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they exist immediately prior to June 1, 2002, shall continue  
 2 to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly  
 3 described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such members of the board  
 4 serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and  
 5 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

6 (3) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Jeff Davis County  
 7 is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected  
 8 from each such district by majority vote of the qualified voters residing within such  
 9 commissioner district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those  
 10 five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and  
 11 further identified as Plan Name: jeffdccsbwk2 Plan Type: Local User: staff  
 12 Administrator: Jeff Davis.

13 (4) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
 14 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
 15 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.  
 16 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'  
 17 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in  
 18 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
 19 the State of Georgia. Any part of Jeff Davis County which is not included in any such  
 20 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to  
 21 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
 22 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Jeff Davis County which is  
 23 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be  
 24 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
 25 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 26 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
 27 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any  
 28 commissioner district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city,  
 29 it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the  
 30 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

## 31 SECTION 2.

32 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2A, relating to commissioner districts, in its  
 33 entirety.

