

House Bill 1802

By: Representative Holland of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating and establishing a board of commissioners of Worth County,
2 approved August 15, 1904 (Ga. L. 1904, p. 842), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 15, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6263), so as to reapportion the commissioner
4 districts; to define certain terms; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the
5 submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related
6 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating and establishing a board of commissioners of Worth County, approved
10 August 15, 1904 (Ga. L. 1904, p. 842), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April
11 15, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6263), is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section
12 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(a) For purposes of electing the chairperson and members of the board of commissioners
14 of Worth County, there shall be five commissioner districts to be designated Commissioner
15 Districts 1 through 5, and one commissioner shall be elected from each district.
16 Commissioner District 5 shall consist of the entirety of Worth County. For the purpose of
17 electing the four remaining commissioners, Worth County shall be divided into four
18 commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts
19 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan
20 Name: worth3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Worth Co.

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

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

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
15 commissioners of Worth County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election
16 and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based
17 on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly
18 to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the
19 manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided
20 by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent
21 of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Worth County to submit
24 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
25 amended.

26 **SECTION 4.**

27 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
28 members of the board of commissioners of Worth County shall become effective upon its
29 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
30 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

31 **SECTION 5.**

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