

Senate Bill 6 EX1

By: Senator Johnson of the 1st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 apportionment of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members,
3 so as to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for
4 the number of Senators; to provide for certain qualifications; to provide for the election of
5 Senators; to provide when the Senators elected shall take office; to provide for the
6 continuation of present senatorial districts until a certain time; to provide definitions; to
7 provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment
12 of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, is amended in
13 subsection (a) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating to apportionment and qualifications for the
14 Senate, by striking the description of senatorial districts 1 through 56 immediately following
15 the second sentence thereof and inserting in its place the description of senatorial districts 1
16 through 56 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as: "Plan
17 Name: coalition2 Plan Type: SENATE User: P Chapman Administrator: S001".

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of Code Section
20 28-2-2, relating to apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, and inserting in their
21 place new subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

22 "(c) The first members of the Senate elected pursuant to this Code section shall be those
23 who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular session of the General
24 Assembly in ~~1999~~ 2003. Until that time the membership of the Senate elected under prior
25 law shall continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until

1 that time the composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall
 2 remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective, however, for the
 3 primary and general elections of ~~1998~~ 2002 for the purpose of electing members of the
 4 Senate in ~~1998~~ 2002 who are to take office in ~~1999~~ 2003. Successors to those members
 5 shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section.

6 (d) For the purposes of this Code section:

7 (1) The terms ~~'Tract,' 'Block,' and 'Block Group'~~ 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall
 8 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
 9 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State
 10 of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are
 11 underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block
 12 Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States
 13 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any senatorial district, whenever
 15 the description of any senatorial district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
 16 geographical boundaries of that city as ~~such boundaries existed on January 1, 1997~~ shown
 17 on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
 18 Georgia.

19 (e) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any ~~Senate~~ senatorial district
 20 described in this Code section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
 21 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~
 22 2000 for the State of Georgia.

23 (f) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in this Code section as being
 24 included in a particular ~~Senate~~ senatorial district shall nevertheless not be included within
 25 such ~~Senate~~ senatorial district if such part is not contiguous to such ~~Senate~~ senatorial
 26 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that ~~Senate~~ senatorial
 27 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
 28 States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State of Georgia."

29 SECTION 3.

30 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 31 without such approval.

32 SECTION 4.

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