

Senate Bill 1EX1

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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 for other matters  
7 relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment  
11 of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, is amended in  
12 subsection (a) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating to apportionment and qualifications for the  
13 Senate, by striking the description of senatorial districts 1 through 56 immediately following  
14 the second sentence thereof and inserting in its place the description of senatorial districts 1  
15 through 56 as enacted by an Act approved March 28, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 163), as amended  
16 by an Act approved March 4, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 21), an Act approved April 1, 1999 (Ga.  
17 L. 1999, p. 42), and an Act approved May 1, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 1676).

**SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating  
20 to apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, and inserting in its place a new subsection  
21 (c) 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  
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1 law shall continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until  
2 that time the composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall  
3 remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective, however, for the  
4 primary and general elections of ~~1998~~ 2002 for the purpose of electing members of the  
5 Senate in ~~1998~~ 2002 who are to take office in ~~1999~~ 2003. Successors to those members  
6 shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section."

7 **SECTION 3.**

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

10 **SECTION 4.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.