

House Bill 4EX1

By: Representative Purcell of the 147th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, approved June
2 26, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 466), as amended, so as to reconstitute the board of commissioners;
3 to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and
4 inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election
5 and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for
6 approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective
7 dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, approved June 26, 1921
11 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 466), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1B and inserting in its
12 place the following:

13 **"SECTION 1B.**

14 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County which existed on December 31,
15 2001, is continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2002, shall be constituted as
16 provided in this Act. Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County
17 who were serving as such on December 31, 2001, and any person selected to fill a vacancy
18 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the expiration of the
19 respective terms to which they were elected and until the election and qualification of their
20 respective successors, unless otherwise removed from office as provided by the
21 Constitution or laws of this state. The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County so
22 continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue
23 to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as they existed
24 immediately prior to December 31, 2001.

1 (b) At the November general election conducted in 2002, the three members from Districts
2 2, 3, and 5 shall be elected for a term of four years, beginning on the first day of January,
3 2003, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

4 (c) At the November general election conducted in 2004, the two members from Districts
5 1 and 4 shall be elected for a term of four years, beginning on the first day of January,
6 2005, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

7 (d) Successors to the members elected in 2002 and 2004 pursuant to subsections (b)
8 and (c) of this section and their successors shall be elected at the November general
9 election immediately preceding the expiration of their respective terms of office and shall
10 take office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of four
11 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

12 (e) The commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts
13 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan
14 Name: ccsbwk1 Plan Type: LOCAL User: PaulH Administrator: Effingham. When used
15 in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the
16 same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
17 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric
18 designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and
19 describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau
20 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any
21 part of Effingham County which is not included in any such district described in that
22 attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the
23 least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
24 Georgia. Any part of Effingham County which is described in that attachment as being in
25 a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not
26 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
27 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
28 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in
29 the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such district
30 refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on
31 the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

32 SECTION 2.

33 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County to
34 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
35 as amended.

