

House Bill 1EX2

By: Representatives Smith of the 169th, Murphy of the 18th, Connell of the 115th, Walker of the 141st, Smyre of the 136th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to
2 define certain terms; to provide for the composition of the congressional districts of Georgia;
3 to provide for the election of members of Congress; to provide when the members of
4 Congress shall take office; to provide for the continuation of present congressional districts
5 until a certain time; to make certain provisions relative to certain boards and bodies; to
6 redesignate certain provisions regarding definitions and descriptions used in designated
7 congressional districts; to redesignate certain provisions designating congressional districts;
8 to amend Code Section 32-6-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 certain unlawful or unauthorized structures, so as to change a cross-reference; to provide for
10 other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
11 laws; and for other purposes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

14 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended by
15 striking Code Section 21-2-3, relating to definitions and descriptions used in designated
16 congressional districts, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 21-2-3 to read as
17 follows:

18 "21-2-3.

19 (a) For purposes of this ~~article~~ chapter:

20 (1) The terms ~~'Tract,' 'Block,' and 'VTD'~~ 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and
21 describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the
22 Census for the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
23 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
24 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
25 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State
26 of Georgia.

1 ~~(2) The term 'Precinct' is synonymous with the term 'voting precinct' and means a~~
 2 ~~geographical area, established in accordance with Article 7 of this chapter, within which~~
 3 ~~all electors vote at one polling place.~~

4 ~~(3)(2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any congressional district,~~
 5 ~~whenever Whenever the description of any congressional district refers to a named city,~~
 6 ~~it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for~~
 7 ~~the United States decennial census of 1990 2000 for the State of Georgia.~~

8 ~~(4) Precinct names and designations following VTD designations are included for~~
 9 ~~convenience only; and in the event the description of any congressional district contains~~
 10 ~~a conflict between the geographical boundaries of any VTD and the boundaries of the~~
 11 ~~following named precinct, the geographical boundary of the VTD as shown on the census~~
 12 ~~maps for the United States decennial census of 1990 for the State of Georgia shall~~
 13 ~~control.~~

14 ~~(b) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any congressional district~~
 15 ~~described in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-1-2 shall be included within that district~~
 16 ~~contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States~~
 17 ~~decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.~~

18 ~~(5)(c) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in subsection (a) of Code~~
 19 ~~Section 21-2-4 21-1-2 as being included in a particular congressional district shall~~
 20 ~~nevertheless not be included within such congressional district if such part is not~~
 21 ~~contiguous to such congressional district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be~~
 22 ~~included within that congressional district contiguous to such part which contains the least~~
 23 ~~population according to the United States decennial census of 1990 2000 for the State of~~
 24 ~~Georgia."~~

25 SECTION 2.

26 The composition of congressional districts of this state shall be the same as the description
 27 of such congressional districts immediately prior to the effective date of this Act except as
 28 otherwise provided in this Act.

29 SECTION 3.

30 Said title is further amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 21-2-4,
 31 relating to designation of congressional districts, and inserting in their place new subsections
 32 (b) and (c) to read as follows:

33 "(b) Any portion of this state which is not included in any district described in this Code
 34 section shall be included within that district contiguous to such portion which contains the
 35 least population according to the United States decennial census of 1990 2000 for this state.

1 (c) The first members elected pursuant to the provisions of this Code section shall be those
 2 who are elected to take office in January, ~~1993~~ 2003. Successors to those members and
 3 future successors shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section. Until
 4 that time the members of the United States House of Representatives elected in ~~1990~~ 2000
 5 shall continue to serve and, for all purposes relative to membership in the House of
 6 Representatives, the composition of congressional districts from which such members were
 7 elected shall remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective for
 8 the primaries and elections of ~~1992~~ 2002 for the purpose of electing the members in ~~1992~~
 9 2002 who are to take office in ~~1993~~ 2003. For the purpose of appointing or electing
 10 members of boards or bodies where such are made on the basis of congressional districts,
 11 the provisions of this Code section shall be effective January 1, ~~1993~~ 2003."

12 **SECTION 4.**

13 Said title is further amended by redesignating Code Section 21-2-3, as amended by this Act,
 14 as Code Section 21-1-1, redesignating former Code Section 21-1-1 as Code Section 21-2-3,
 15 redesignating Code Section 21-2-4, as amended by this Act, as Code Section 21-1-2, and
 16 redesignating former Code Section 21-1-2 as Code Section 21-2-4.

17 **SECTION 5.**

18 Code Section 32-6-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain unlawful
 19 or unauthorized structures, is amended in subparagraph (d)(1)(B) by striking "21-1-1" and
 20 inserting in its place "21-2-3".

21 **SECTION 6.**

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

24 **SECTION 7.**

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