

The House Committee on Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment offers the following substitute to HB 1EX2:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to define certain terms; to provide for the composition of the 13 congressional districts of Georgia; to provide for the election of members of Congress; to provide when the members of Congress shall take office; to provide for the continuation of present congressional districts until a certain time; to make certain provisions relative to certain boards and bodies; to redesignate certain provisions regarding definitions and descriptions used in designated congressional districts; to redesignate certain provisions designating congressional districts; to amend Code Section 32-6-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain unlawful or unauthorized structures, so as to change a cross-reference; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"21-2-3.

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

(1) The terms ~~'Tract,' 'Block,' and 'VTD'~~ 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State 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 Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-4, relating to designation
 27 of congressional districts, by striking from the first sentence thereof "11" and inserting in its
 28 place "13" and by striking the description of congressional districts 1 through 11 immediately
 29 following the second sentence thereof and inserting in its place the description of
 30 congressional districts 1 through 13 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further
 31 identified as: "Plan Name: CONGPROP Plan Type: CONGRESS User: Linda
 32 Administrator: H169".

