

House Bill 643

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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 house districts; to provide for the
4 number of Representatives; to provide for certain qualifications; to provide for the election
5 of Representatives; to provide when the Representatives elected shall take office; to provide
6 for the continuation of the present representative districts until a certain time; to provide for
7 other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**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 by
13 striking the description of House Districts 1 through 147 immediately following the second
14 sentence of subparagraph (a)(3)(C) of Code Section 28-2-1, relating to apportionment and
15 qualifications for the House of Representatives, and inserting in its place the description of
16 House Districts 1 through 147 as enacted by an Act approved October 1, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001,
17 Ex. Sess., p. 425).

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 28-2-1, relating
20 to apportionment and qualifications for the House of Representatives, and inserting in its
21 place a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 "(c) The first members of the House of Representatives elected pursuant to this Code
23 section shall be those who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular
24 session of the General Assembly in ~~2003~~ 2005. Until that time the membership of the
25 House of Representatives elected under prior law shall continue to serve and shall represent

1 the districts from which elected; and until that time the composition of the districts from
2 which such members were elected shall remain the same. The provisions of this Code
3 section shall be effective, however, for the primary and general elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for
4 the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives in ~~2002~~ 2004 who are to
5 take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members and future successors shall likewise
6 be elected under 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.