

House Bill 642

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding elections, so as to provide for the composition and number of  
3 congressional districts; to provide for election of members of Congress; to provide when  
4 such members shall take office; to provide for continuation of present congressional districts  
5 until a certain time; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an  
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions regarding elections, is amended by striking the description of Congressional  
11 Districts 1 through 13 immediately following the second sentence of subsection (a) of Code  
12 Section 21-1-2, relating to the designation of congressional districts, and inserting in its place  
13 the description of Congressional Districts 1 through 13 as enacted by an Act approved  
14 October 1, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, Ex. Sess., p. 335).

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 21-1-2, relating  
17 to the designation of congressional districts, and inserting in its place a new subsection (c)  
18 to read as follows:

19 "(c) The first members elected pursuant to the provisions of this Code section shall be  
20 those who are elected to take office in January, ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members  
21 and future successors shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section.  
22 Until that time the members of the United States House of Representatives elected in ~~2000~~  
23 2002 shall continue to serve and, for all purposes relative to membership in the House of  
24 Representatives, the composition of congressional districts from which such members were  
25 elected shall remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective for

1 the primaries and elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for the purpose of electing the members in ~~2002~~  
2 2004 who are to take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. For the purpose of appointing or electing  
3 members of boards or bodies where such are made on the basis of congressional districts,  
4 the provisions of this Code section shall be effective January 1, ~~2003~~ 2005."

5 **SECTION 3.**

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

8 **SECTION 4.**

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