

House Bill 343 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Boggs of the 145th, Mosley of the 129th, Post 1, and Smith of the 129th,
Post 2

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the revised and restated charter for the City of Waycross,
2 approved April 13, 1989, (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), as amended, so as to change the description
3 of the commission districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
4 continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for
5 preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the revised and restated charter for the City of Waycross, approved
10 April 13, 1989, (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), as amended, is amended by striking Section 6.1 and
11 inserting in its place a new subsection 6.1 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 6.1.

13 (a) For purposes of electing members of the commission of the City of Waycross, the City
14 of Waycross is divided into five commission districts. One member of the board shall be
15 elected from each such district. The five commission districts shall be and correspond to
16 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
17 further identified as Plan Name:waycrossp2 Plan Type: Local User: Blake Administrator:
18 Waycross.

19 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
20 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
21 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
22 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
23 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
24 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
25 Georgia. Any part of the City of Waycross which is not included in any such district

1 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
2 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
3 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Waycross which is described in that
4 attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
5 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead
6 be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
7 according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except
8 as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the
9 description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries
10 of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for
11 the State of Georgia.

12 (c) Commission Districts one through five as they exist before the effective date of this
13 Act, shall continue to be designated as Commission Districts one through five, respectively,
14 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such
15 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed
16 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
17 Act."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The commission of the City of Waycross shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
20 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
21 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
22 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
23 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

24 **SECTION 3.**

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