

Senate Bill 276

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26,  
2 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998  
3 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4137), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board  
4 of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of  
5 election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the  
6 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26, 1872  
11 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998  
12 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4137), is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new  
13 Section 1 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 (a) There is established a board of commissioners for Macon County consisting of five  
16 members.

17 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Macon County  
18 shall be divided into five commissioner districts. The commissioner districts shall be and  
19 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part  
20 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: MACON03-1 Plan Type: Local User:  
21 Linda Administrator: Macon Co.

22 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
23 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
24 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
25 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading

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

14 (d) The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election  
15 in November 2002 shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and  
16 until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the  
17 board of commissioners who were elected at the general election in November 2000 shall  
18 continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected  
19 and qualified as provided in this Act.

20 (e) Successors to the members of the board of commissioners of Macon County from  
21 Commission Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2006.  
22 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four  
23 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

24 (f) Successors to the members of the board of commissioners of Macon County from  
25 Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2004.  
26 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four  
27 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

28 (g) Successors to members elected under subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall be  
29 elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of  
30 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and  
31 until their successors are elected and qualified.

32 (h) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2003, shall  
33 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as  
34 newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such  
35 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed  
36 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this  
37 section."

