

House Bill 921

By: Representative Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Hart County,"  
2 approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4232), so as to change the description of the  
3 commissioners districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
4 in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under  
5 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act entitled "An Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Hart County," approved  
10 March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4232), is amended by striking in their entirety subsections  
11 (b) and (c) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Hart County is  
13 divided into five commissioner districts. The five commissioner districts shall be and  
14 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part  
15 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: hartwk12 Plan Type: Local User: Gina  
16 Administrator: Hart Co.

17 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
18 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
19 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
20 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
21 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
22 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
23 Georgia. Any part of Hart County which is not included in any such district described in  
24 that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
25 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State  
26 of Georgia. Any part of Hart County which is described in that attachment as being in a

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

8 (d) Commissioner Districts 1 through 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
9 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1 through 5,  
10 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of  
11 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall  
12 be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
13 under this Act."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The Board of Commissioners of Hart County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
16 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;  
17 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with  
18 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
19 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

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