

House Bill 1021

By: Representative Roberts of the 131st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Irwin County, approved February
2 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 10, 1988
3 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3869), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to
4 provide for submission and an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933
9 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L.
10 1988, p. 3869), is amended by striking subsections (d) and (e) thereof and inserting in their
11 place the following:

12 "(d) For purposes of electing members of the board other than the chairperson, Irwin
13 County is divided into four commissioner districts and those districts shall be and
14 correspond to those four districts described in and attached to this Act and made a part
15 hereof and further identified as Plan Name: irwincc3 Plan Type: Local User: linda
16 Administrator: Irwin.

17 (e)(1) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall
18 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
19 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
20 Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath
21 a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
23 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Irwin County which is not included in any
24 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous
25 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
26 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Irwin County which is described in

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

9 (2) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they existed on January 1, 2003, shall
10 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as
11 newly described under subsection (d) of this section, and, on and after the effective date
12 of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts
13 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as so newly
14 described."

15 SECTION 2.

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

21 SECTION 3.

22 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

23 SECTION 4.

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