

House Bill 1454

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 apportionment of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members,
3 so as to provide for the composition and number of state house and senate districts; to
4 provide for the number of Representatives and Senators; to provide for certain qualifications;
5 to provide for the election of Representatives and Senators; to provide when the
6 Representatives and Senators elected shall take office; to provide for the continuation of the
7 present representative and senatorial districts until a certain time; to provide for other
8 matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
9 for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment
13 of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, is amended by
14 striking the description of House Districts 1 through 147 immediately following the second
15 sentence of subparagraph (a)(3)(C) of Code Section 28-2-1, relating to apportionment and
16 qualifications for the House of Representatives, and inserting in its place the description of
17 House Districts 1 through 147 as enacted by an Act approved October 1, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001,
18 Ex. Sess., p. 425).

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 28-2-1, relating
21 to apportionment and qualifications for the House of Representatives, and inserting in its
22 place a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

23 "(c) The first members of the House of Representatives elected pursuant to this Code
24 section shall be those who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular
25 session of the General Assembly in ~~2003~~ 2005. Until that time the membership of the

1 House of Representatives elected under prior law shall continue to serve and shall represent
2 the districts from which elected; and until that time the composition of the districts from
3 which such members were elected shall remain the same. The provisions of this Code
4 section shall be effective, however, for the primary and general elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for
5 the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives in ~~2002~~ 2004 who are to
6 take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members and future successors shall likewise
7 be elected under this Code section."

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating to
10 apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, by striking the description of senatorial
11 districts 1 through 56 immediately following the second sentence thereof and inserting in its
12 place the description of senatorial districts 1 through 56 as enacted by an Act approved
13 August 24, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, Ex. Sess., p.2).

14 **SECTION 4.**

15 Said chapter is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating
16 apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, and inserting in its place a new subsection
17 (c) to read as follows:

18 "(c) The first members of the Senate elected pursuant to this Code section shall be those
19 who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular session of the General
20 Assembly in ~~2003~~ 2005. Until that time the membership of the Senate elected under prior
21 law shall continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until
22 that time the composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall
23 remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective, however, for the
24 primary and general elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for the purpose of electing members of the
25 Senate in ~~2002~~ 2004 who are to take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members
26 shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section."

27 **SECTION 5.**

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

30 **SECTION 6.**

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