

Senate Bill 522

By: Senators Price of the 56th, Johnson of the 1st and Stephens of the 51st

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 senatorial districts; to provide for
4 the election of Senators; to provide when the Senators elected shall take office; to provide
5 for the continuation of present senatorial districts until a certain time; to provide for other
6 matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

1 primary and general elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for the purpose of electing members of the
2 Senate in ~~2002~~ 2004 who are to take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members
3 shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section."

4 **SECTION 3.**

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

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.