

House Bill 1564

By: Representative Richardson of the 26<sup>th</sup>

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

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment  
12 of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, is amended by  
13 striking the description of House Districts 1 through 147 immediately following the second  
14 sentence of subparagraph (a)(3)(C) of Code Section 28-2-1, relating to apportionment and  
15 qualifications for the House of Representatives, and inserting in its place the description of  
16 House Districts 1 through 180 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further  
17 identified as: "Plan Name: Richardson1 Plan Type: House User: Gina Administrator: H026."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 28-2-1, relating to apportionment and  
20 qualifications for the House of Representatives, by striking all of subsection (a) immediately  
21 preceding the description of the House districts and inserting in its place the following:

22 "(a)(1) There shall be 180 members of the House of Representatives, and such membership  
23 shall be apportioned among the representative districts provided for in this subsection.

24 ~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each such~~ Each  
25 representative district shall consist of either a portion of a county, or a county, or counties,

1 or any combination thereof, as provided in this subsection, and shall be represented by one  
 2 Representative.

3 ~~(3)(A) The districts specified in this paragraph shall consist of either a portion of a~~  
 4 ~~county, or a county, or counties, or any combination thereof, as provided in this~~  
 5 ~~subsection.~~

6 ~~(B)(i) District 3 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

7 ~~(ii) District 13 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

8 ~~(iii) District 14 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

9 ~~(iv) District 33 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

10 ~~(v) District 34 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

11 ~~(vi) District 42 shall consist of one election district with 4 numbered posts.~~

12 ~~(vii) District 43 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

13 ~~(viii) District 48 shall consist of one election district with 4 numbered posts.~~

14 ~~(ix) District 56 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

15 ~~(x) District 59 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

16 ~~(xi) District 60 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

17 ~~(xii) District 61 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

18 ~~(xiii) District 67 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

19 ~~(xiv) District 69 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

20 ~~(xv) District 70 shall consist of one election district with 3 numbered posts.~~

21 ~~(xvi) District 71 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

22 ~~(xvii) District 84 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

23 ~~(xviii) District 85 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

24 ~~(xix) District 88 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

25 ~~(xx) District 121 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

26 ~~(xxi) District 124 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

27 ~~(xxii) District 129 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

28 ~~(xxiii) District 141 shall consist of one election district with 2 numbered posts.~~

29 ~~(C) Each person seeking election shall designate the post for which such person seeks~~  
 30 ~~election. Such posts shall be designated by numbers, beginning with post number 1 and~~  
 31 ~~ending with the number equaling the total number of Representatives in such district."~~

### 32 SECTION 3.

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

1 "(c) The first members of the House of Representatives elected pursuant to this Code  
2 section shall be those who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular  
3 session of the General Assembly in ~~2003~~ 2005. Until that time the membership of the  
4 House of Representatives elected under prior law shall continue to serve and shall represent  
5 the districts from which elected; and until that time the composition of the districts from  
6 which such members were elected shall remain the same. The provisions of this Code  
7 section shall be effective, however, for the primary and general elections of ~~2002~~ 2004 for  
8 the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives in ~~2002~~ 2004 who are to  
9 take office in ~~2003~~ 2005. Successors to those members and future successors shall likewise  
10 be elected under this Code section."

11 **SECTION 4.**

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

14 **SECTION 5.**

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