

House Bill 1137 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Jones of the 46th, Rice of the 51st, and Burkhalter of the 50th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the composition of state house districts and, in particular, House Districts 5,
2 12, 46, 48, 50, 51, 167, and 179; to provide for the election of such Representatives; to
3 provide when such Representatives so elected shall take office; to provide for the
4 continuation of present house districts until a certain time; to provide for other related
5 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that the apportionment of the house districts for the
9 2004 elections was governed by the interim reapportionment plan entered by order of the
10 United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in the case of *Larios v. Cox*,
11 314 F. Supp. 2d 1357 (N.D.Ga. 2004).

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the districts for House Districts 1
13 through 180 shall continue to be those districts as provided in the order of the United States
14 District Court in the case of *Larios v. Cox*. On and after January 1, 2007, House Districts 5,
15 12, 46, 48, 50, 51, 167, and 179 shall be as described in a report which is attached to this Act
16 and is made a part of this Act.

17 (c) The first members of the House of Representatives from House Districts 5, 12, 46, 48,
18 50, 51, 167, and 179 elected pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be those who are
19 elected to take office on the convening date of the regular session of the General Assembly
20 in 2007. Until that time the members of the House of Representatives elected from House
21 Districts 5, 12, 46, 48, 50, 51, 167, and 179 under the interim court order in the case of *Larios*
22 *v. Cox* shall continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until
23 that time the composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall remain
24 the same. The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be effective, however, for the
25 primary and general elections of 2006 for the purpose of electing members of the House of
26 Representatives from House Districts 5, 12, 46, 48, 50, 51, 167, and 179 in 2006 who are to

1 take office in 2007. Successors to those members shall likewise be elected under the
2 provisions of this Act.

3 **SECTION 2.**

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

6 **SECTION 3.**

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