

Senate Bill 652

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Austell in Cobb  
2 and Douglas counties, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, so as  
3 to revise the districts for the election of members of the city council; to provide for  
4 definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for submission of  
5 this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
6 amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Austell in Cobb and  
10 Douglas counties, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4902), as amended, is amended  
11 by striking subsection (a) of Section 5.15 and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a)  
12 to read as follows:

13 "(a)(1) For the purpose of electing the members of the city council, the City of Austell  
14 is hereby divided into four wards which shall be and correspond to those four numbered  
15 districts described in and attached to the Redistricting Plan Components Report made a  
16 part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: ausccp1 Plan Type: Local User:  
17 Gina Administrator: Austell.

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

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

10 (3) Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 as they existed on January 1, 2006, shall continue to be  
11 designated as Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described under this  
12 subsection, and, on and after the effective date of this subsection, such members of the  
13 board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and  
14 representing their respective districts as newly described under this section."

## 15 SECTION 2.

16 The governing authority of the City of Austell shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
17 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,  
18 no later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or  
19 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

## 20 SECTION 3.

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

1 Plan Name: ausccp1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Austell  
 2 Redistricting Plan Components Report

3 District 001  
 4 Cobb County  
 5 Tract: 313.09  
 6 BG: 1  
 7 1023  
 8 Tract: 314.07  
 9 BG: 3  
 10 3035 3039 3040 3041 3042 3043  
 11 BG: 4  
 12 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017 4018 4019 4020 4021  
 13 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026 4028 4032 4033 4034 4035  
 14 BG: 5  
 15 5000 5022 5023 5024 5025 5026 5027 5028 5029 5030 5031 5032  
 16 5033 5034 5035 5036 5037 5038 5039 5040 5041 5042 5043 5044  
 17 5045 5046 5047 5048

18 Douglas County  
 19 Tract: 801.01  
 20 BG: 1  
 21 1000 1008 1009 1033 1034 1035 1038 1039 1040  
 22 BG: 2  
 23 2000

24 District 002  
 25 Cobb County  
 26 Tract: 313.06  
 27 BG: 2  
 28 2023 2024 2027 2028 2030 2031 2032 2047 2049 2050 2051 2052  
 29 2053  
 30 Tract: 313.09  
 31 BG: 1  
 32 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008  
 33 Tract: 314.04  
 34 BG: 1

1 1012 1013  
 2 BG: 3  
 3 3012 3013 3017 3018 3019 3020 3023 3024  
 4 BG: 4  
 5 4005 4006 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4018 4019 4021 4022  
 6 4023 4024 4027  
 7 Tract: 314.07  
 8 BG: 3  
 9 3000 3001 3002  
 10 BG: 4  
 11 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4029  
 12  
 13 District 003  
 14 Cobb County  
 15 Tract: 314.07  
 16 BG: 2  
 17 2026 2028 2031 2032 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040 2041  
 18 2042 2043  
 19 BG: 3  
 20 3006 3007 3008 3009 3013 3016 3017 3018 3019 3020 3021 3022  
 21 3023 3024 3025 3026 3027 3028 3029 3030 3031 3032 3033 3034  
 22 3036 3037 3038  
  
 23 District 004  
 24 Cobb County  
 25 Tract: 314.07  
 26 BG: 2  
 27 2012 2014 2015 2016 2017 2030 2044 2045 2046  
 28 BG: 5  
 29 5001 5002 5003 5004 5007 5009 5010 5011 5012 5013 5014 5015  
 30 5016 5017 5049 5050 5051  
 31 BG: 6  
 32 6002 6003 6004 6005 6006 6010 6023 6025 6026 6028 6029 6030  
 33 6031 6034 6039 6041 6042 6043 6044 6045 6046 6047 6048  
 34 Tract: 315.01  
 35 BG: 7  
 36 7016 7018