

House Bill 724

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Charlton County, approved
2 August 4, 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 529), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to
3 commissioner districts; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for submission
4 of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to repeal a specific Act; to provide for
5 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 An Act creating the board of commissioners for Charlton County, approved August 4, 1927
9 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 529), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2 as
10 follows:

11 "(a)(1) For the purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Charlton
12 County shall be divided into and correspond to those five numbered districts described
13 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name:
14 charccsb6 Plan Type: Local User: Blake Administrator: Charlton.

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

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

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
10 commissioners of Charlton County are to be elected in the November, 2008, general election
11 and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based
12 on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly
13 to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the
14 manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided
15 by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent
16 of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 The governing authority of Charlton County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
19 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
20 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
21 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
22 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

23 **SECTION 4.**

24 An Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Charlton County, approved
25 March 9, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3625) is repealed.

26 **SECTION 5.**

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

29 **SECTION 6.**

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