

House Bill 601 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county
2 of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly
3 by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), so as to provide for new
4 commissioner districts; to provide for currently serving commissioners; to provide for the
5 submission of this Act for approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of
9 Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by
10 an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), is amended by revising subsections
11 (b) and (c) of Section 2 as follows:

12 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Jackson County
13 shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be
14 elected for each such district. Those districts shall consist of the described territory of
15 Jackson County contained in the description attached to this Act and made a part hereof
16 and further identified as: Plan Name: jackccp4 Plan Type: Local User: Staff Administrator:
17 Jackson.

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

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

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SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

19 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Jackson County to
20 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
21 as amended.

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SECTION 4.

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