

House Bill 625

By: Representative Lane of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the composition of state House districts; to provide for the election of such
2 Representatives; to provide when such Representatives so elected shall take office; to provide
3 for the continuation of present house districts until a certain time; to provide for other related
4 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 (b) The districts for House Districts 1 through 180 shall continue to be those districts as
12 provided in the order of the United States District Court in the case of Larios v. Cox, except
13 for those descriptions provided for in an Act approved March 1, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 12).

14 (c) The first members of the House of Representatives elected pursuant to subsection (b) of
15 this section shall be those who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular
16 session of the General Assembly in 2011. Until that time the members of the House of
17 Representatives elected from such House districts under the interim court order in the case
18 of Larios v. Cox as modified by an Act approved March 1, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 12), shall
19 continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until that time the
20 composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall remain the same.
21 The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be effective, however, for the primary
22 and general elections of 2010 for the purpose of electing members of the House of
23 Representatives in 2010 who are to take office in 2011. Successors to those members shall
24 likewise be elected under the provisions of this Act.

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.