

House Bill 709 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Carter of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating the City of Port Wentworth, approved February 6, 1957 (Ga.
2 L. 1957, p. 2003), as amended, so as to reconstitute the governing authority of the city; to
3 provide for council districts; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the
4 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act incorporating the City of Port Wentworth, approved February 6, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957,
9 p. 2003), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 4A as follows:
10 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the city council, other than the mayor and the
11 two at-large councilmembers, the City of Port Wentworth is divided into four council
12 districts. One member of the council shall be elected from each such district. The four
13 council districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and
14 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: pwcc4dp3
15 Plan Type: Local User: reapp Administrator: Port Wentworth."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by striking in its entirety the attachment thereto containing the
18 descriptions of commissioner districts which is identified as Plan Name: pwcc4dp2re Plan
19 Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Port Wentworth.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 The governing authority of the City of Port Wentworth shall through its legal counsel cause
22 this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
23 amended; such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed

24 with the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved
25 by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

26 **SECTION 4.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.