

House Bill 1074

By: Representatives Coleman of the 142nd, Hudson of the 156th and Smith of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 46-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the election and terms of office of the members of the Public Service Commission, so as to provide for the composition of the Public Service Commission Districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 46-2-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the election and terms of office of the members of the Public Service Commission, is amended in subsection (c) by striking the description of Public Service Commission Districts 1 through 5 immediately following the colon at the end of the introductory language thereof and inserting in its place the description of Public Service Commission Districts 1 through 5 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as: "Plan Name: pscpln3 Plan Type: PSC User: Angela Administrator: H142".

SECTION 2.

Said Code section is further amended by adding a new subsection at the end thereof, to be designated subsection (e), to read as follows:

“(e) For purposes of this Code section:

(1) The terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

1 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any Public Service Commission
2 District, whenever the description of any Public Service Commission District refers to
3 a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the
4 census maps for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

5 (3) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any Public Service
6 Commission District described in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be included
7 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
8 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

9 (4) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in subsection (c) of this Code
10 section as being included in a particular Public Service Commission District shall
11 nevertheless not be included within such Public Service Commission District if such part
12 is not contiguous to such Public Service Commission District. Such noncontiguous part
13 shall instead be included within that Public Service Commission District contiguous to
14 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
15 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

19 **SECTION 4.**

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