House Bill 1363

By: Representatives Floyd of the 138th and James of the 140th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Dooly County, approved August 18, 1913 (Ga. L. 1913, p. 373), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Dooly County, approved August 18, 1913 (Ga. L. 1913, p. 373), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 2 of said Act and inserting in their place the following:

"(a) The Board of Commissioners of Dooly County shall be composed of five members. For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Dooly County is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: doolywk1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Dooly.

(b) When used in such attachment, 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. Any part of Dooly County which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which

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

SECTION 2.

Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Dooly County who are serving as such on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to June 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

SECTION 3.

It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Dooly County to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 4.

This section and Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective on June 1, 2002.

SECTION 5.

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