

Senate Bill 1EX1

By: Senators Golden of the 8th, Starr of the 44th and Walker of the 22nd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, so as to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for the number of Senators; to provide for certain qualifications; to provide for the election of Senators; to provide when the Senators elected shall take office; to provide for the continuation of present senatorial districts until a certain time; to provide definitions; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to apportionment of the House of Representatives and Senate and qualifications of members, is amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating to apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, by striking the description of senatorial districts 1 through 56 immediately following the second sentence thereof and inserting in its place the description of senatorial districts 1 through 56 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as: "Plan Name: senplan2u Plan Type: SENATE User: jstanton Administrator: S008".

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of Code Section 28-2-2, relating to apportionment and qualifications for the Senate, and inserting in their place new subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

"(c) The first members of the Senate elected pursuant to this Code section shall be those who are elected to take office on the convening date of the regular session of the General Assembly in ~~1999~~ 2003. Until that time the membership of the Senate elected under prior law shall continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected; and until that time the composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall

1 remain the same. The provisions of this Code section shall be effective, however, for the
2 primary and general elections of ~~1998~~ 2002 for the purpose of electing members of the
3 Senate in ~~1998~~ 2002 who are to take office in ~~1999~~ 2003. Successors to those members
4 shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Code section.

5 (d) For the purposes of this Code section:

6 (1) The terms ~~'Tract,' 'Block,' and 'Block Group'~~ 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall
7 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
8 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State
9 of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are
10 underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block
11 Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States
12 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

13 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any senatorial district, whenever
14 the description of any senatorial district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
15 geographical boundaries of that city as ~~such boundaries existed on January 1, 1997~~ shown
16 on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
17 Georgia.

18 (e) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any ~~Senate~~ senatorial district
19 described in this Code section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
20 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~
21 2000 for the State of Georgia.

22 (f) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in this Code section as being
23 included in a particular ~~Senate~~ senatorial district shall nevertheless not be included within
24 such ~~Senate~~ senatorial district if such part is not contiguous to such ~~Senate~~ senatorial
25 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that ~~Senate~~ senatorial
26 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
27 States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2000 for the State of Georgia."

28 SECTION 3.

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

31 SECTION 4.

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