

House Bill 29EX2

By: Representative Channell of the 111<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Greene County, approved August 11, 1925 (Ga. L. 1925, p. 653), 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 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 Greene County, approved August 11, 1925 (Ga. L. 1925, p. 653), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 2 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

"(b)(1) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Greene County who are serving as such on December 31, 2001, 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, and 4, as they exist on December 31, 2001, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2003, any 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 section.

(2) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the chairperson, Greene County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: greenework1 Plan Type: Local User: Angela Administrator: Greene.

(3) 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 Greene 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 Greene 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.**

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

## **SECTION 3.**

This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Greene County in 2002 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

## **SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.