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House Bill 1688 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd and Jamieson of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Lavonia, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5809), as amended by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3908), so as to change and extend the corporate limits of said city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing a new charter for the City of Lavonia, approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5809), as amended by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3908), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 1.11 and inserting in its place the following:

"(a) The boundaries of this city shall be as described in:

- (1) An Act approved June 4, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2008);
- (2) An Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4553);
- (3) Any annexation action taken by the city pursuant to general law and shown as part of the corporate limits on the official map of the corporate limits of the City of Lavonia dated February 15, 2003, which map is retained in the office of the mayor of the city, with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by law; and
- (4) In addition to the present territory included within the corporate limits of the city, the corporate limits shall specifically include the following described road and right of way, all of which are located in Franklin County, Georgia:
'All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 206 District G.M. of Franklin County, Georgia and consisting of the right of way of Georgia Highway 17 extending from the present corporate limits of Lavonia in a southerly direction to its intersection with Lankford Road.'

All references to roads, highways, and public rights of way in this subsection shall specifically include the current width of said public road, street, highway, drive, circle, or other rights of way and specifically include the entire right of way.

The boundaries of this city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof to be retained permanently in the office of the mayor and to be designated, as the case may be: 'Official Map of the corporate limits of the City of Lavonia, Georgia.' Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city manager shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as with the original map or description."

SECTION 2.

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

{Commentary: This act of local legislation was introduced in the 2004 session of the Georgia General Assembly, and would extend the city limits of Lavonia along Hwy 17 S and its right-of-way, to the intersection with Lankford Road. This bill was passed by the House on March 12, 2004, passed by the Senate on March 25, 2004, and sent to the Governor on April 08, 2004. }