

Senate Bill 429

By: Senator Brush of the 24th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Columbia County, approved March
2 21, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 10,
3 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3699), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain
4 terms; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act
5 to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Columbia County, approved March 21, 1980
10 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 10, 1993 (Ga.
11 L. 1993, p. 3699), is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (b) and (c) of Section
12 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, with the exception of the board
14 chairperson who shall be elected county-wide, Columbia County is divided into four
15 commissioner districts. The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those
16 four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
17 identified as Plan Name: colccp1 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Columbia.

18 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
19 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
20 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
21 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
22 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
23 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
24 Georgia. Any part of Columbia County which is not included in any such district described
25 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
26 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for

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

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SECTION 2.

11 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
12 commissioners of Columbia County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general
13 election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population
14 based on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General
15 Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office,
16 or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as
17 provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to
18 the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

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SECTION 3.

20 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Columbia County to
21 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
22 as amended.

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SECTION 4.

24 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
25 members of the board of commissioners of Columbia County shall become effective upon
26 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this
27 Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

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SECTION 5.

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

1 Plan Name: colccp1 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Columbia

2 Redistricting Plan Components Report

3 District 001

4 Columbia County

5 Tract: 301.01

6 BG: 3

7 BG: 4

8 Tract: 301.02

9 Tract: 303.03

10 BG: 2

11 BG: 3

12 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011

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14 3035 3036 3037 3039 3040 3041 3042 3043 3044 3045 3046 3047

15 3048 3049 3992 3993 3997 3998 3999

16 District 002

17 Columbia County

18 Tract: 301.01

19 BG: 1

20 BG: 2

21 Tract: 302.01

22 Tract: 302.02

23 Tract: 302.03

24 Tract: 305.02

25 BG: 4

26 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005

27 Tract: 306.03

28 District 003

29 Columbia County

30 Tract: 303.02

31 Tract: 303.03

32 BG: 3

33 3012 3013 3014 3015 3020 3021 3023 3024 3025 3026 3027 3038

1 3994 3995 3996
 2 BG: 4
 3 Tract: 303.04
 4 Tract: 303.05
 5 Tract: 304
 6 BG: 1
 7 BG: 2
 8 2000 2001 2002 2003
 9 BG: 3
 10 3001
 11 BG: 4
 12 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4010 4998 4999
 13 BG: 5
 14 5000 5001 5021 5022 5023 5025 5998 5999
 15 BG: 7

 16 District 004
 17 Columbia County
 18 Tract: 304
 19 BG: 2
 20 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2998
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 22 BG: 3
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 28 BG: 5
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 30 5014 5015 5016 5017 5018 5019 5020 5024 5996 5997
 31 Tract: 305.01
 32 Tract: 305.02
 33 BG: 4
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- 2 4054 4055 4056 4057 4058 4059 4060
- 3 BG: 5