

Senate Bill 443

By: Senator Guhl of the 45th

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved August
2 1, 1929 (Ga. L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, so as to change the description of the
3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation
4 in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent
5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
6 Act of 1965, as amended; 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 a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved August 1, 1929 (Ga.
10 L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in its place a
11 new Section 2 to read as follows:

12 **"SECTION 2.**

13 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Walton County who are serving as
14 such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, and any person selected to fill a
15 vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular
16 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their
17 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of
18 Commissioners of Walton County shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be
19 elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section and a
20 chairperson who is elected at large as provided in this Act.

21 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
22 chairperson, Walton County is divided into six commissioner districts. One member of the
23 board shall be elected from each such district. The six commissioner districts shall be and
24 correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of

1 this Act and further identified as Plan Name: waltoncc3 Plan Type: Local User: Angela
2 Administrator: Walton.

3 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
4 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
5 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
6 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
7 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
8 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
9 Georgia. Any part of Walton County which is not included in any such district described
10 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
11 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for
12 the State of Georgia. Any part of Walton County which is described in that attachment as
13 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such
14 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
15 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
16 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise
17 provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such
18 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as
19 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
20 Georgia.

21 (d) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office
22 pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law applicable to that
23 office.

24 (e) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a person
25 must be a resident of that commissioner district and must receive the number of votes cast
26 as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only electors who are
27 residents of that commissioner district may vote for a member of the board for that district.
28 At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from a commissioner
29 district, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which
30 that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from
31 a commissioner district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of
32 office or that office shall become vacant.

33 (f) The chairperson of the board may reside anywhere within Walton County and, if
34 elected, must receive the number of votes cast for that office as required by general law in
35 the entire county. The chairperson must continue to reside within the county during that
36 person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

(g) The members of the board of commissioners shall be elected as provided in this subsection. The first members from Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2002. Those members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 5 in 2002 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2006, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The chairperson and the first members from Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 6 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2004. The chairperson and those members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 6 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2008, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to the chairperson and the members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. The chairperson and the members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(h) The chairperson and all members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

(i) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, 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 2.

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

SECTION 3.

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

Plan Name: waltoncc3 Plan Type: Local User: Angela Administrator: Walton

Redistricting Plan Components Report

District 001

Walton County

Tract: 1101

BG: 1

1025

BG: 2

2038 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049

2050 2051 2052 2053

Tract: 1104

BG: 1

1012 1013 1014

Tract: 1105.01

BG: 1

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Tract: 1105.02

BG: 1

BG: 2

2000 2001 2002 2003 2051 2052 2053 2054 2055

BG: 3

3000 3001 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 3015

Tract: 1106

BG: 1

1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1015 1034 1038 1998

District 002

Walton County

Tract: 1105.01

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20 District 003
21 Walton County
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33 BG: 2
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 2 Walton County
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 22 District 005
 23 Walton County
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 32 District 006
 33 Walton County
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 35 BG: 2

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