

House Bill 852 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Crawford of the 127th and Cole of the 125th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Barnesville, approved March 11,
2 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3865), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga.
3 L. 1993, p. 4957), so as to provide new districts for councilmembers; to provide for
4 definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members of the
5 council; to change provisions relating to wards; to provide for submission of this Act for
6 preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for
7 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Barnesville, approved March 11, 1987 (Ga.
11 L. 1987, p. 3865), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993,
12 p. 4957), is amended by striking Sections 2.10 and 2.11 and inserting in lieu thereof the
13 following:

14 **"SECTION 2.10.**

15 **City council creation; number; election.**

16 The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically
17 provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and five
18 councilmembers. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided
19 by this charter. For the purpose of electing the councilmembers, the city shall be divided into
20 five districts which shall be described and set forth in Appendix B attached hereto.

1 appointed. Each person giving notice of candidacy for a city council seat shall designate the
 2 district for which such candidate is offering. Councilmembers from Districts 2, 4, and 5 shall
 3 be elected in 2005 for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and
 4 qualified. The mayor and councilmembers from Districts 1 and 3 shall be elected in 2007 for
 5 terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter,
 6 the mayor and each councilmember shall be elected quadrennially in the year in which the
 7 term of the office expires."

8 **SECTION 4.**

9 Said Act is further amended by striking Appendix B and inserting in lieu thereof the
 10 following:

11 "APPENDIX B

12 As used in this appendix, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe
 13 the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for
 14 the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric
 15 designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and
 16 describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of
 17 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part
 18 of the City of Barnesville which is not included in any such district described in that
 19 attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the
 20 least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
 21 Georgia. Any part of the City of Barnesville which is described in that attachment as being
 22 in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is
 23 not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
 24 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
 25 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in
 26 the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such district refers
 27 to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census
 28 map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

29 District 001

30 Lamar County

31 Tract: 9702

32 BG: 3

33 3005 3006 3007 3016 3021 3024 3025 3026 3027 3028 3029 3030

1 3031 3032 3033 3034 3035 3036 3037 3038
 2 Tract: 9703
 3 BG: 1
 4 1028 1029
 5 BG: 2
 6 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
 7 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025
 8 BG: 3
 9 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3017 3018 3020 3021 3022 3024
 10 3027 3033 3034 3035 3036 3037 3038 3039 3040 3041 3042 3043
 11 3044 3045
 12 BG: 4
 13 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4007

14 District 002
 15 Lamar County
 16 Tract: 9703
 17 BG: 1
 18 1008 1010 1011 1012 1013 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1027
 19 1032 1039 1040
 20 BG: 2
 21 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

22 District 003
 23 Lamar County
 24 Tract: 9702
 25 BG: 2
 26 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022
 27 2023 2027
 28 BG: 3
 29 3001 3002 3003 3004 3008 3009 3010 3011 3017 3018 3019
 30 Tract: 9703
 31 BG: 1
 32 1016 1033 1034 1037 1038

1 District 004
 2 Lamar County
 3 Tract: 9702
 4 BG: 1
 5 1029 1030 1032 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1038 1040 1065 1066
 6 1072 1073 1074
 7 BG: 2
 8 2007 2008 2009 2011
 9 BG: 3
 10 3000 3012 3013 3014
 11 BG: 5
 12 5005 5006 5007 5009

13 District 005
 14 Lamar County
 15 Tract: 9702
 16 BG: 3
 17 3015 3020 3022 3023
 18 BG: 4
 19 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4008 4009 4011 4014 4017
 20 4018 4019 4020 4021 4022 4024 4026 4028
 21 BG: 5
 22 5023 5024 5025"

23 **SECTION 5.**

24 The City Council of the City of Barnesville shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
 25 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
 26 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
 27 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
 28 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

29 **SECTION 6.**

30 This section and Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary
 31 for the election of members of the council in 2005 shall become effective upon the approval

1 of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
2 provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2007.

3 **SECTION 7.**

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