

House Bill 693

By: Representative Burns of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act for the election and creation of a board of commissioners for Screven
2 County, approved December 9, 1871 (Ga. L. 1871-72, p. 231), as amended, particularly by
3 an Act approved August 19, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 456), by an Act approved August 16, 1915
4 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 345), by an Act approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3495), and by an
5 Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3650), so as to provide for the election of
6 members of the board of commissioners of Screven County; to revise the districts for the
7 election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions;
8 to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for qualifications; to provide for the
9 election of a chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act
10 for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
11 to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
12 other purposes.

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

14 **SECTION 1.**

15 An Act for the election and creation of a board of commissioners for Screven County,
16 approved December 9, 1871 (Ga. L. 1871-72, p. 231), as amended, particularly by an Act
17 approved August 19, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 456), by an Act approved August 16, 1915
18 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 345), by an Act approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3495), and by an
19 Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3650), is amended by revising Section 2 as
20 follows:

21 **"SECTION 2.**

22 (a) The board of commissioners of Screven County shall be composed of seven members.
23 For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners of Screven County,
24 Screven County shall be divided into seven commissioner districts. One member of the
25 board shall be elected from each district. The districts shall be and correspond to those

26 seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
27 further identified as 'Plan: screvenccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: screven User:
28 bak'.

29 (b) For purposes of such plan:

30 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
31 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
32 of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
33 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual
34 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United
35 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

36 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
37 description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
38 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
39 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

40 (c) Any part of Screven County which is not included in any district described in
41 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
42 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
43 for the State of Georgia.

44 (d) Any part of Screven County which is described in subsection (a) of this section as
45 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district
46 if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be
47 included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
48 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

49 (e) To be eligible to be elected to membership on the board of commissioners, a person
50 shall be a registered elector of Screven County eligible to vote for members of the General
51 Assembly and shall have resided in Screven County for a period of at least one year
52 immediately preceding the date of such person's election. The members of the board of
53 commissioners shall be elected by the qualified electors voting within their respective
54 commissioner districts.

55 (f) In the event of a vacancy on the board of commissioners for any reason other than the
56 expiration of the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the
57 provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' and the
58 residency requirements set forth in this Act. In the event that a member of the board of
59 commissioners ceases to be a resident of the commissioner district from which such
60 member was elected, a vacancy shall exist and shall be filled in the same manner as other
61 vacancies are filled.

62 (g) At its first meeting each year, the members of the board of commissioners shall elect,
63 by majority vote, one of their members to serve as chairperson for that year and until the
64 election of a chairperson in the subsequent year. A member shall be eligible to succeed
65 himself or herself as a member of the board and also as chairperson of the board.

66 (h) The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election
67 in November 2008 shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and
68 until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the
69 board of commissioners who were elected at the general election in November 2010 shall
70 continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected
71 and qualified as provided in this Act.

72 (i) The first members of the reconstituted board of commissioners of Screven County from
73 Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 7 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in
74 2014. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of
75 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

76 (j) The first members of the reconstituted board of commissioners of Screven County from
77 Commissioner Districts 2, 3, 5, and 6 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in
78 2012. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of
79 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

80 (k) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be
81 elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
82 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
83 until their successors are elected and qualified.

84 (l) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as they existed on January 1, 2012, shall
85 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but
86 as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such
87 members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed
88 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
89 Act."

90 **SECTION 2.**

91 The governing authority of Screven County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
92 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
93 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
94 appropriate court no later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
95 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

97 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of
98 members of the board of commissioners of Screven County shall become effective upon its
99 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
100 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.

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SECTION 4.

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

Plan: screvencsb-2012
Plan Type:local
Administrator: screven
User: bak

District 001

Screven County

VTD: 25106 - BAY BRANCH

1004 1033 1035 1036
2006

VTD: 25107 - HILTONIA

VTD: 25108 - SCREVEN REC.

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1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1077 1078 1079 1080 1085
1086 1087 1100 1101 1102 1105 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005
4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4044
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VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH

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VTD: 25110 - SR CITIZENS CENTER

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District 002

Screven County

VTD: 25101 - SYLVANIA

3030

VTD: 25108 - SCREVEN REC.

4018

VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH

2064 2065 2074 2075 2076 3000 3001

VTD: 25110 - SR CITIZENS CENTER

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District 003

Screven County

VTD: 25101 - SYLVANIA

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VTD: 25102 - HUNTERS

VTD: 25103 - NEWINGTON

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VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH

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VTD: 25111 - JACKSON FIRE STATION

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VTD: 25112 - FOY'S STORE

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District 004

Screven County

VTD: 25103 - NEWINGTON

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VTD: 25112 - FOY'S STORE
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District 005

Screven County

VTD: 25104 - CULVER'S STORE

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VTD: 25112 - FOY'S STORE

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District 006

Screven County

VTD: 25104 - CULVER'S STORE

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VTD: 25105 - ROCKY FORD

VTD: 25106 - BAY BRANCH

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District 007

Screven County

VTD: 25101 - SYLVANIA

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VTD: 25104 - CULVER'S STORE

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VTD: 25108 - SCREVEN REC.

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