

Senate Bill 304

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County, approved April 4,
2 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4028), 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 provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County, approved April 4, 1996
11 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4028), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2 of said Act and
12 inserting in its place the following:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Stewart County shall consist of five commissioners.
15 Each commissioner shall be a resident of his or her respective commissioner district
16 described in subsection (b) of this section and shall be elected by the electors of such
17 district as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

18 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Stewart County is
19 divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
20 each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five
21 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
22 identified as 'Plan: stewartccsb-2011 Plan Type: Local User: admin'.

23 (c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
24 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the

25 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
26 Georgia.

27 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
28 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
29 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
30 State of Georgia. Any part of Stewart County which is not included in any such district
31 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
32 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
33 2010 for the State of Georgia.

34 (3) Any part of Stewart County which is described in that attachment as being in a
35 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not
36 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
37 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
38 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

39 (4) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,
40 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
41 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
42 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 of said Act and inserting in its place the
45 following:

46 "SECTION 4.

47 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County who are serving as
48 such on December 31, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
49 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
50 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

51 (b) At the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November
52 2014, members of the board shall be elected from Commissioner Districts 2 and 4, shall
53 take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for
54 initial terms of office which expire on December 31, 2018, and upon the election and
55 qualification of their respective successors. At the general election on the Tuesday next
56 following the first Monday in November 2012, members of the board shall be elected from
57 Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5, shall take office the first day of January immediately
58 following that election, and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire on December
59 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and

60 all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be
61 elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration
62 of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election,
63 and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for
64 the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors
65 are elected and qualified. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist
66 immediately prior to January 1, 2013, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner
67 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and
68 after such date, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner
69 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as
70 newly described under this Act.

71 (c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in
72 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

73 **SECTION 3.**

74 The Board of Commissioners of Stewart County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
75 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
76 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with
77 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
78 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

79 **SECTION 4.**

80 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
81 election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County in 2012 shall become
82 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
83 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

84 **SECTION 5.**

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

86 Plan: stewartccsb-2011

87 Plan Type: Local

88 User: admin

89 District 001

90 Stewart County

91 VTD: 25904 - LOUVALE

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95 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN

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110 District 002

111 Stewart County

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132 District 003

133 Stewart County

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