

House Bill 710

By: Representatives Epps of the 140th and Holmes of the 125th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Jones County, approved March 5,
2 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 2162), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga.
3 L. 2003, p. 4663), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to
4 provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act
5 of 1965, as amended; to restate certain board powers; to provide for related matters; to
6 provide for 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 a Board of Commissioners of Jones County, approved March 5, 1974 (Ga.
10 L. 1974, p. 2162), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003,
11 p. 4663), is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 **"SECTION 2.**

13 The board of commissioners of Jones County shall have such control of the county affairs
14 as is now conferred by law, and all the powers, rights, duties, liabilities, responsibilities, and
15 prohibitions which were previously conferred by law upon the board of commissioners of
16 Jones County, and which are not in conflict with this Act, are hereby expressly preserved and
17 shall devolve upon and shall be exercised by the board of commissioners of Jones County
18 herein created. Said powers, rights, duties, liabilities, responsibilities, and prohibitions shall
19 be in addition to and supplemental to all such authorities and liabilities as may hereinafter
20 be conferred upon said board."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 **"SECTION 4.**

24 (a) The board of commissioners of Jones County shall be composed of a chairperson and
25 four other members.

26 (b) The chairperson may reside anywhere within Jones County and shall be elected by the
27 voters of the entire county. Each other member must be a resident of the district the member
28 represents and shall be elected by only the voters of that district. All elections shall be by
29 majority vote.

30 (c) For purposes of electing the members of the board, Jones County is divided into four
31 commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts
32 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan:
33 jonesccsb-2011 Plan Type: local User: bak'.

34 (d)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
35 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
36 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
37 Georgia.

38 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
39 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
40 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
41 State of Georgia. Any part of Jones County which is not included in any such district
42 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
43 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
44 for the State of Georgia.

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

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

54 (e) The chairperson and each other member of the board shall serve for a term of four years
55 beginning the first day of January next following his or her election. Those members serving
56 in office on the effective date of this Act shall serve until the expiration of the term for which
57 they were elected. Successors shall be elected thereafter at the general election immediately
58 preceding the expiration of a term of office."

59 **SECTION 3.**

60 Said Act is further amended by repealing the attachment thereto containing the former
61 descriptions of commissioner districts which is identified as Plan Name: jones-03-01 Plan
62 Type: Local User: Staff Administrator: Jones Co.

63 **SECTION 4.**

64 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
65 commissioners of Jones County are to be elected in the November, 2012, general election
66 and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based
67 on the United States decennial census of 2010. It is not the intention of the General Assembly
68 to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the
69 manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided
70 by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent
71 of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

72 **SECTION 5.**

73 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Jones County to submit
74 this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
75 amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
76 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

77 **SECTION 6.**

78 This section and Section 5 of this Act and those provisions of this Act relating to and
79 necessary for the regular election in 2012 of members of the board of commissioners of
80 Jones County shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming
81 effective without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective
82 January 1, 2013.

83 **SECTION 7.**

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

Plan:jonesccsb-2011
Plan Type: Local
User: bak

District 001

Jones County

VTD: 1691 - GRAY

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2099 2100 2101 2102 2109 2140 2141 2143 2145

VTD: 16911 - ETHRIDGE

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2069 2070 2071 2072 2133 2134

VTD: 1692 - CLINTON

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VTD: 1693 - ROBERTS

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VTD: 1696 - BARRON

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VTD: 1697 - WHITE

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VTD: 1698 - SANDERS

VTD: 1699 - FINNEY

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District 002

Jones County

VTD: 1691 - GRAY

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VTD: 16911 - ETHRIDGE

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VTD: 1692 - CLINTON

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VTD: 1694 - DAVIDSON

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VTD: 1695 - POPE

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VTD: 1696 - BARRON

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VTD: 1699 - FINNEY

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District 003

Jones County

VTD: 1691 - GRAY

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VTD: 1695 - POPE
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District 004

Jones County

VTD: 16910 - HAWKINS
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