

House Bill 772

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Dickerson of the 95<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Newton County, approved April 6,  
2 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2784), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003  
3 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4004), so as to reconstitute the board of commissioners; to change the  
4 description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide  
5 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of  
6 subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under Section 5 of  
7 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for automatic repeal under  
8 certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating a board of commissioners of Newton County, approved April 6, 1967  
12 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2784), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003  
13 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4004), is amended by striking Section 1-101 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
14 following:

15 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 1-101.

16 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Newton County which existed immediately prior to  
17 the effective date of this Act is continued in existence but on and after the effective date  
18 of this Act shall be constituted as provided in this Act. The Board of Commissioners of  
19 Newton County so continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the  
20 'board,' shall continue to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that  
21 board as existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

22 (b) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County who are serving  
23 as such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill  
24 a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular  
25 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their

26 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of  
27 Commissioners of Newton County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be  
28 elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (c) of this section.

29 (c) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Newton County is  
30 divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
31 each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five  
32 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
33 identified as Plan: newtonccsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: newton County  
34 User: bak.

35 (d)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

36 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
37 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
38 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
39 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual  
40 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
41 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

42 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
43 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
44 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
45 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

46 (2) Any part of Newton County which is not included in any district described in  
47 subsection (c) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
48 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
49 2010 for the State of Georgia.

50 (3) Any part of Newton County which is described in subsection (c) of this section as  
51 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
52 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
53 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
54 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
55 Georgia.

56 (e) The members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Newton County shall be  
57 elected as provided in this subsection. The first members from Commissioner Districts 2  
58 and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first  
59 Monday in November, 2014. Those members of the board elected thereto from  
60 Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 in 2014 shall take office the first day of January  
61 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire  
62 December 31, 2018, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

63 The first members from Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the general  
64 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012. Those  
65 members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5 in 2012 shall  
66 take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for  
67 initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2016, and upon the election and  
68 qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members  
69 of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the  
70 state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take  
71 office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms  
72 of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office  
73 specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and  
74 qualified.

75 (f) Commissioner Districts 1 through 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
76 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1 through 5,  
77 respectively, but as newly described under this Act; and, on and after the effective date of  
78 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall  
79 be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
80 under this Act."

81 **SECTION 2.**

82 The Board of Commissioners of Newton County shall through its legal counsel cause this  
83 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of  
84 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
85 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

86 **SECTION 3.**

87 If, as of the first date upon which candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary  
88 in 2012, implementation of this Act is not permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act  
89 of 1965, as amended, then as of such date this Act shall be void and stand repealed in its  
90 entirety.

91 **SECTION 4.**

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

District 001

Newton County

VTD: 21706 - BREWERS

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VTD: 21707 - BRICK STORE

VTD: 21710 - DOWNS

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VTD: 21715 - MANSFIELD

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VTD: 21718 - ROCKY PLAINS

VTD: 21725 - HUB

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District 002

Newton County

VTD: 21709 - LIVINGSTON

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VTD: 21710 - DOWNS

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VTD: 21720 - STANSELLS

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District 003

Newton County

VTD: 21703 - ALMON

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District 004

Newton County

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VTD: 21703 - ALMON

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VTD: 21713 - BEAVERDAM

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District 005  
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