

Senate Bill 363

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th and Golden of the 8th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, approved
2 December 21, 1898 (Ga. L. 1898, p. 378), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4203), so as to change the description of the commissioner
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office
5 of the current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, approved December 21,
11 1898 (Ga. L. 1898, p. 378), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4203), is amended by revising subsections (d) and (e) of Section 1 as
13 follows:

14 "(d) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Thomas County is
15 divided into eight commissioner districts. The eight commissioner districts shall be and
16 correspond to those eight numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part
17 of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: thomascc-2012 Plan Type: local
18 Administrator: thomas User: bak'.

19 (e)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

20 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
21 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
22 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
23 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
24 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
25 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

30 (2) Any part of Thomas County which is not included in any district described in
31 subsection (d) of this section 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 Thomas County which is described in subsection (d) of this section as
35 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
36 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
37 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
38 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
39 Georgia."

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County who are serving as
42 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such
43 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
44 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

45 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as they exist immediately prior to the
46 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3,
47 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
48 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former
49 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective
50 districts as newly described under this Act.

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County shall through its legal counsel cause this
53 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
54 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
55 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

56 **SECTION 4.**

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

58 Plan: thomascc-2012

59 Plan Type: local

60 Administrator: thomas

61 User: bak

62 District 001

63 Thomas County

64 VTD: 275105 - DOUGLASS

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93 District 002
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 122 VTD: 275119 - RESOURCE CENTER
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 125 District 003
 126 Thomas County

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