

House Bill 883

By: Representative Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Lanier County, approved March 7,
2 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 602), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 3, 2002
3 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3736), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board
4 of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the manner of
5 election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for
6 submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights
7 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Lanier County, approved March 7, 1933
12 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 602), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 3, 2002
13 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3736), is amended by striking Section 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu
14 thereof a new Section 1 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 1.

16 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Lanier County shall be composed of five members.
17 Except for the chairperson, the members of the board shall be residents of the
18 commissioner districts they represent and shall be elected by the qualified electors voting
19 within their respective commissioner districts. The chairperson shall be a resident of
20 Lanier County and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire county.

21 (b) For the purpose of electing four members of the board from commissioner districts,
22 Lanier County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board
23 shall be elected from each such district. Those districts shall be and correspond to those
24 four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
25 identified as 'Plan: lanierccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: lanier User: bak'.

(c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by striking Section 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3.

(a) In the event that any member elected from a district ceases to be a resident of his or her respective commissioner district during his or her term of office, a vacancy shall be created and shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 18 of this Act. In all elections conducted pursuant to this Act, each candidate shall designate, at the time of qualifying, the district or chairperson post for which he or she offers as a candidate. All members shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended.

(b) The members of the board who were elected at the general election in November, 2008, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this section. The members of the board

61 who were elected at the general election in November, 2010, shall continue in office for
62 the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as
63 provided in this section.

64 (c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Lanier County from
65 Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected in the state-wide general election in
66 November, 2014. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for
67 terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

68 (d) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Lanier County from
69 Commissioner Districts 3 and 4 shall be elected in the state-wide general election in
70 November, 2012. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for
71 a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

72 (e) The first chairperson of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Lanier County
73 shall be elected by all of the qualified voters of Lanier County voting in the state-wide
74 general election in November, 2012. Such chairperson shall take office on January 1
75 following his or her election for a term of four years and until his or her successor is
76 elected and qualified.

77 (f) Successors to members elected under subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section shall
78 be elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
79 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
80 until their successors are elected and qualified.

81 (g) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as they exist immediately prior to the effective
82 date of this Act shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,
83 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of
84 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall
85 be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
86 under this section."

87 **SECTION 3.**

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

92 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: lanierccsb-2012
Plan Type: local
Administrator: lanier
User: bak

District 001
Lanier County
VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040
2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052
2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065
2066	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090
2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102
2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2113	2114	3000
3001	3002	3003	3004	3005	3006	3007	3018	3019	3020	3021	3022
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3054	3055	3056	3057	3058	3059	3060	3061	3062	3063	3064	

District 002
Lanier County
VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010	1011	1012	1013	1014	1015	1016
1017	1018	1019	1020	1021	1022	1023	1024	1025	1026	1027	1028
1029	1030	1031	1034	1035	1036	1037	1045	1046	1047	1048	1049
1050	1051	1052	1053	1054	1055	1056	1057	1058	1059	1060	1066
1074	1075	1076	1077	1078	1079	1080	1081	1082	1083	1084	1085
1086	1090	1091	1092	1093	1094	1095	1096	1099	1100	1101	1102
1103	1104	1105	1107	3008	3009	3010	3011	3012	3013	3014	3015
3016	3017	3026	3027	3028	3029	3030	3031	3032	4007	4008	4009
4010	4011	4012	4013	4014	4015	4016	4017	4018	4019	4030	4037
4039	4040										

District 003
Lanier County
VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

4000	4001	4002	4003	4004	4005	4006	4020	4021	4022	4023	4024
4025	4026	4027	4028	4029	4031	4032	4033	4034	4035	4036	4038
4041	4042	4043	4044	4045	4046	4047	4048	4049	4050	4051	4052
4053	4054	4055	4056	4057	4058	4059	4060	4061	4062	4063	4064
4065	4066	4067	4068	4069	4070	4071	4072	4073	4074	4075	4076
4077	4078	4079	4080	4081	4082	4083	4084	5000	5001	5002	5003
5011	5012	5013	5014	5015	5016	5017	5018	5019	5020	5021	5022
5023	5024	5025	5026	5027	5031	5032	5033	5034	5035	5036	5037
5038	5039	5040	5041	5042	5043	5044	5045	5046	5047	5048	5049
5050	5051	5052	5053	5054	5055	5056	5057	5058	5059	5060	5061
5062	5063	5064	5065	5066	5067	5068	5069	5070	5071	5072	5073
5074	5075	5076	5077	5078	5079	5080	5081	5082	5083	5084	5085
5086	5087	5088	5089	5090	5091	5093	5094	5095	5096	5097	5098
5099	5100	5101	5102								

District 004
Lanier County
VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

1089	2018	2046	2049	2050							
1000	1001	1002	1003	1004	1032	1033	1038	1039	1040	1041	1042
1043	1044	1061	1062	1063	1064	1065	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071
1072	1073	1087	1088	1089	1097	1098	1106	1108	1109	2000	2001
2002	2003	2004	2060	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074
2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2112	5004	5005	5006	5007	5008	5009
5010	5028	5029	5030	5092	5103	5104					
VTD: 1732	SIRMANS										
VTD: 1733	STOCKTON										