

House Bill 912

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Sims of the 119th, and Anderson of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Columbia County,
2 approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2708), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3973), so as to change the description of the
4 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation
5 in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance
6 pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for
7 related 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 providing for the election of the Board of Education of Columbia County, approved
11 March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2708), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6,
12 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3973), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 (a) The Board of Education of Columbia County shall be composed of five members to
15 be elected as provided in this Act. For the purposes of electing members of the board of
16 education, Columbia County is divided into four education districts. The four education
17 districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached
18 to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: columbiacc-2012 Plan
19 Type: Local Administrator: Columbia CC User: SE'. The chairperson of the board shall
20 be elected by the electors of the entire county.

21 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

26 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
27 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

32 (2) Any part of the Columbia County School District which is not included in any district
33 described in subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous
34 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
35 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

36 (3) Any part of the Columbia County School District which is described in subsection (a)
37 of this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included
38 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous
39 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains
40 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State
41 of Georgia.”

42 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 The Board of Education of Columbia County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
54 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
55 as amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
56 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

57 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: columbiacc-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Columbia CC
User: SE

District 001

Columbia County

VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

030106:

1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
1012 1013 1014 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 2000 2001 2002 2003
2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

VTD: 073105 - STEVENS CREEK

VTD: 073106 - SAVANNAH RAPIDS

VTD: 073107 - GOSPEL WATER

VTD: 073108 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

VTD: 073109 - STEVENS CREEK

VTD: 073111 - LAKESIDE MIDDLE

VTD: 073131 - RIVERSIDE BAPTIST

VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST

030309:

3000 3001 4001 4003 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4020
4026

VTD: 073134 - COL CTY MAIN LIBRARY

VTD: 073135 - BIBLE CATHEDRAL

VTD: 073136 - BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073137 - CHRIST THE KING

District 002

Columbia County

VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

030302:

4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017
4019 4020 4021 4022 4023

VTD: 073070 - BLANCHARD PARK

VTD: 073074 - MTZ COL FIRE DEPARTMENT

VTD: 073075 - BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073076 - MARVIN METHODIST

VTD: 073080 - WESTSIDE BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073085 - TRINITY BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073090 - ABILENE BAPTIST

VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

030106:

2016 2017 2018

VTD: 073110 - MTZ COL FIRE HD

VTD: 073115 - MARTINEZ BAPTIST

VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS

030201:

1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015
1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1024 1025 1026 3000 3001 3002
3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014
3015

VTD: 073125 - CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

District 003

Columbia County

VTD: 073015 - LEWIS METHODIST

VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

030306:

1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

VTD: 073050 - BURKS MOUNT FIRE

VTD: 073051 - DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073060 - COL CTY BOARD

VTD: 073061 - GREENBRIER HIGH

VTD: 073062 - PARKWAY BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073063 - RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073064 - GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

VTD: 073065 - EVANS SANCTIFIED

VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS

030306:

2000

VTD: 073130 - WEST ACRES BAPTIST

VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST

030308:

1005 1022 1023

District 004

Columbia County

VTD: 073010 - KIOKEE BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073020 - HARLEM MIDDLE SCHOOL

VTD: 073021 - HARLEM BAPTIST

VTD: 073025 - BESSIE THOMAS
VTD: 073026 - PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
VTD: 073030 - GROVETOWN CITY
VTD: 073031 - GROVETOWN METHODIST
VTD: 073032 - G A APOSTOLIC CHURCH
VTD: 073033 - GROVETOWN MIDDLE
VTD: 073040 - EUBANK/BLANCHARD