

House Bill 923

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Smith of the 122nd, and Frazier of the 123rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of
2 Augusta, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, particularly by an
3 Act approved April 8, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3769), so as to change the description of the
4 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the
5 continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for
6 preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to
7 provide for 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 consolidation of Richmond County and the City of Augusta,
11 approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, particularly by an Act
12 approved April 8, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3769), is amended by revising subsection (a) of
13 Section 2 as follows:

14 "(a)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the Augusta-Richmond County
15 Commission, Richmond County is divided into 10 commission districts. One member
16 of the board shall be elected from each such district. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
17 6, 7, and 8 shall be and correspond to those eight numbered districts described in and
18 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: richmonccsb-2012
19 Plan Type: Local Administrator: admin User: bak'. Commission Districts 9 and 10 shall
20 be and correspond to those two numbered districts described in and attached to and made
21 a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: richmondccsbsup-2012 Plan Type: Local
22 Administrator: Richmond User: bak'.

23 (2)(A) For the purposes of such plan:

24 (i) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
25 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
26 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a

27 district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe
 28 individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census
 29 for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

34 (B) Any part of Richmond County which is not included in any district described in
 35 this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
 36 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
 37 for the State of Georgia.

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

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 3 as follows:

45 "(a) Those members of the commission who were serving as such on January 1, 2012, and
 46 any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such
 47 members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the
 48 election and qualification of their respective successors. Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4,
 49 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, as they existed on the day immediately preceding the effective date of
 50 this subsection shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
 51 7, 8, 9, and 10, respectively, but as newly described under Section 2 of this Act, and on and
 52 after the effective date of this subsection, such members of the board serving from those
 53 former commission districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their
 54 respective districts as newly described under Section 2 of this Act."

55 **SECTION 3.**

56 The governing authority of Augusta-Richmond County shall through its legal counsel cause
 57 this Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act
 58 of 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by
 59 the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

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

Plan: richmonccsb-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: admin
User: bak

District 001

Richmond County

VTD: 245102 - 102

VTD: 245103 - 103

VTD: 245104 - 104

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District 002

Richmond County

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VTD: 245207 - 207

VTD: 245208 - 208

VTD: 245209 - 209

VTD: 245604 - 604

District 003

Richmond County

VTD: 245301 - 301

VTD: 245302 - 302

VTD: 245303 - 303

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District 004

Richmond County

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District 005

Richmond County

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District 006

Richmond County

VTD: 245401 - 401

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District 007

Richmond County

VTD: 245306 - 306

VTD: 245703 - 703

VTD: 245704 - 704

VTD: 245705 - 705

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VTD: 245707 - 707

District 008

Richmond County

VTD: 245801 - 801

VTD: 245801B - 801B

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District 010

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