

House Bill 959

By: Representative Dickey of the 136th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County, approved
2 March 2, 1874 (Ga. L. 1874, p. 339), as amended, so as to revise districts for the election of
3 members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
4 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of
5 subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide for
7 effective dates; 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 Crawford County, approved March 2, 1874
11 (Ga. L. 1874, p. 339), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2, 3, 3A, and 3B as
12 follows:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 The Board of Commissioners of Crawford County which existed on December 31, 2012,
15 is continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2013, shall be constituted as provided
16 in this Act. The Board of Commissioners of Crawford County so continued and
17 constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue to have the
18 powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior
19 to January 1, 2013.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County who are serving
22 as such on December 31, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
23 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
24 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On

25 and after January 1, 2013, the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County shall consist
26 of five members all of whom shall be elected from commissioner districts described in
27 subsection (b) of this section.

28 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Crawford County
29 shall be divided into five commissioner districts. The five commission districts shall be
30 and correspond to those five numbered districts established pursuant to the final order
31 entered on July 24, 2002, in *Thomas, et al. v. Crawford County, Georgia, et al.*, Case
32 Number 5:02-cv222(HL), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia,
33 Macon Division, but as modified by the descriptions in and attached to and made a part of
34 this Act and further identified as 'Plan Name: crawfordccsb-2012 Plan Type: Local
35 Administrator: crawford cc User: bak'.

36 (c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
37 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
38 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
39 Georgia.

40 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
41 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
42 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
43 State of Georgia. Any part of Crawford County which is not included in any such district
44 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
45 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
46 for the State of Georgia.

47 (3) Any part of Crawford County which is described in that attachment as being in a
48 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not
49 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
50 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
51 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

56 SECTION 3A.

57 (a) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office
58 pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law applicable to that
59 office.

60 (b) In order to be elected as a member of the board, a person must receive the number of
61 votes cast as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only electors who
62 are residents of that commissioner district may vote for a member of the board for that
63 district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from a
64 commissioner district, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner
65 district for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member
66 of the board from a commissioner district must continue to reside in that district during that
67 person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

68 SECTION 3B.

69 (a) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Crawford County
70 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
71 November 2012. Those members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner
72 Districts 1 and 5 in November 2012 shall take office the first day of January immediately
73 following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December
74 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those
75 members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 4 in November
76 2014 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall
77 serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2018, and upon the election and
78 qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members
79 of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the
80 state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take
81 office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms
82 of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office
83 specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and
84 qualified.

85 (b) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in
86 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

87 (c) Commissioner Districts 1 through 5, as they exist on December 31, 2012, shall
88 continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1 through 5, respectively, but as newly
89 described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013, such members of the board
90 serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and
91 representing their respective districts as newly described under this section.

92 (d) Any vacancy in office upon the board which occurs for any reason shall be filled
93 pursuant to Code Section 36-5-21 of the O.C.G.A."

94 **SECTION 2.**

95 The Board of Commissioners of Crawford County shall through its legal counsel cause this
96 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
97 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
98 Governor or otherwise become law without such approval.

99 **SECTION 3.**

100 The provisions of this Act necessary for the election of members of the Board of
101 Commissioners of Crawford County in 2012 shall become effective upon the approval of this
102 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
103 provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

104 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: crawfordccsb-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: crawford cc
User: bak

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Crawford County
VTD: 0791A - DISTRICT 1A
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VTD: 0791B - DISTRICT 1B
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VTD: 0793 - DISTRICT 3
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VTD: 0795 - DISTRICT 5
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District 002
Crawford County
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District 003
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