

House Bill 979

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hill of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Jerguson of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Cherokee County, approved  
2 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4876), so as to revise the districts for the election of members  
4 of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
5 manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to  
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related  
7 matters; to provide 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 a board of commissioners for Cherokee County, approved March 30, 1989  
11 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002  
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4876), is amended by revising subsections (a) through (e) of Section 2 as  
13 follows:

14 "(a) The board of commissioners of Cherokee County shall consist of five members. One  
15 of the members shall be the chairperson and shall be elected by a majority of the registered  
16 voters of the county voting in the election. Each candidate for the other four positions shall  
17 be a resident of the commissioner district created by this section which such person offers  
18 to represent and shall be elected by a majority vote of the voters of such commissioner  
19 district voting in the election.

20 (b) For the purpose of electing the four district commissioners, Cherokee County is  
21 divided into four commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four  
22 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
23 identified as 'Plan: chercc-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Cherokee User: Gina'.

24 (c) For the purposes of such plan:

25 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
26 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census

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

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

35 (d)(1) Any part of Cherokee County which is not included in any district described in  
 36 subsection (c) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 37 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
 38 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

45 (e) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County who are serving  
 46 as such on the effective date of this subsection and any person selected to fill a vacancy  
 47 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of  
 48 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
 49 successors."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date  
 52 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,  
 53 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this  
 54 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be  
 55 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
 56 under this Act.

57 **SECTION 3.**

58 The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County shall through its legal counsel cause this  
 59 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of  
 60 1965, as amended, not later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
 61 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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**SECTION 4.**

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

DPlan: chercc-2012  
Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: Cherokee  
User: Gina

District 001  
Cherokee County  
VTD: 057004 - BALL GROUND  
VTD: 057010 - CANTON  
VTD: 057013 - CLAYTON  
VTD: 057014 - CONNS CREEK  
VTD: 057018 - FREEHOME  
VTD: 057020 - HIGHTOWER  
VTD: 057027 - MACEDONIA  
VTD: 057030 - R M MOORE  
VTD: 057031 - R T JONES  
VTD: 057033 - SALACOA  
VTD: 057036 - TEASLEY

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VTD: 057041 - WALESKA

District 002  
Cherokee County  
VTD: 057001 - AIR ACRES  
VTD: 057002 - ARNOLD MILL  
VTD: 057003 - AVERY  
VTD: 057008 - BRADSHAW  
VTD: 057017 - DUPREE  
VTD: 057019 - HICKORY FLAT  
VTD: 057025 - LICKSKILLET  
VTD: 057026 - LITTLE RIVER  
VTD: 057028 - MOUNTAIN ROAD  
VTD: 057038 - UNION HILL  
VTD: 057039 - UNIVETER

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VTD: 057043 - WOODLANDS  
VTD: 057044 - WOODSTOCK

District 003  
Cherokee County  
VTD: 057005 - BASCOMB  
VTD: 057009 - BRIDGEMILL  
VTD: 057022 - HOLLY SPRINGS  
VTD: 057024 - LIBERTY  
VTD: 057034 - SIXES  
VTD: 057035 - SUTALLEE  
VTD: 057036 - TEASLEY

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VTD: 057037 - TOONIGH  
VTD: 057040 - VICTORIA  
VTD: 057042 - WILDCAT

District 004

Cherokee County

VTD: 057006 - BELLS

VTD: 057007 - BOOTH

VTD: 057011 - CARMEL

VTD: 057012 - CHEROKEE SOUTH

VTD: 057015 - DEER RUN

VTD: 057016 - DIXIE

VTD: 057021 - HILLSIDE

VTD: 057023 - KELLOGG

VTD: 057029 - OAK GROVE

VTD: 057032 - ROSECREEK