

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee offered the following substitute to SB 382:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to organization and members of the Public Service Commission, so as to change the
3 description of the election districts for members of the Public Service Commission; to
4 provide for manner of election and terms of office; to provide for continuation in office of
5 current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 organization and members of the Public Service Commission, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 46-2-1, relating to election of Public Service Commissioners and terms of office, as
11 follows:
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13 "46-2-1.

14 (a) The Georgia Public Service Commission shall consist of five members to be elected
15 as provided in this Code section. The members in office on January 1, ~~2000~~ 2012, and any
16 member appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in such membership prior to the expiration
17 of a term of office shall continue to serve out their respective terms of office. As terms of
18 office expire, new members elected to the commission shall be required to be residents of
19 one of five Public Service Commission Districts as hereafter provided, but each member
20 of the commission shall be elected state wide by the qualified voters of this state who are
21 entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly. Except as otherwise provided in
22 this Code section, the election shall be held under the same rules and regulations as apply
23 to the election of Governor. The Commissioners, who shall give their entire time to the
24 duties of their offices, shall be elected at the general election next preceding the expiration
25 of the terms of office of the respective incumbents. Their terms of office shall be six years
26 and shall expire on December 31.

27 (b) In order to be elected as a member of the commission from a Public Service
28 Commission District, a person ~~must~~ shall have resided in that district for at least 12 months
29 prior to election thereto. A person elected as a member of the commission from a Public
30 Service Commission District by the voters of Georgia ~~must~~ shall continue to reside in that
31 district during the person's term of office, or that office shall thereupon become vacant.

32 (c) For the purpose of electing the members of the Public Service Commission, ~~the~~ this
33 state shall be divided into five Public Service Commission Districts described as follows:

34 ~~District 001~~

35 ~~Appling County~~

36 ~~Atkinson County~~

37 ~~Bacon County~~

38 ~~Baker County~~

39 ~~Ben Hill County~~

40 ~~Berrien County~~

41 ~~Bleckley County~~

42 ~~Brantley County~~

43 ~~Brooks County~~

44 ~~Bryan County~~

45 ~~Bulloch County~~

46 ~~Calhoun County~~

47 ~~Camden County~~

48 ~~Candler County~~

49 ~~Charlton County~~

50 ~~Chatham County~~

51 ~~Chattahoochee County~~

52 ~~Clay County~~

53 ~~Clinch County~~

54 ~~Coffee County~~

55 ~~Colquitt County~~

56 ~~Cook County~~

57 ~~Crisp County~~

58 ~~Decatur County~~

59 ~~Dodge County~~

60 ~~Dooly County~~

61 ~~Dougherty County~~

62 ~~Early County~~

63 ~~Echols County~~

- 64 Effingham County
- 65 Evans County
- 66 Glynn County
- 67 Grady County
- 68 Irwin County
- 69 Jeff Davis County
- 70 Lanier County
- 71 Laurens County
- 72 Lee County
- 73 Liberty County
- 74 Long County
- 75 Lowndes County
- 76 Macon County
- 77 Marion County
- 78 McIntosh County
- 79 Miller County
- 80 Mitchell County
- 81 Montgomery County
- 82 Pierce County
- 83 Pulaski County
- 84 Quitman County
- 85 Randolph County
- 86 Schley County
- 87 Seminole County
- 88 Stewart County
- 89 Sumter County
- 90 Tattnall County
- 91 Telfair County
- 92 Terrell County
- 93 Thomas County
- 94 Tift County
- 95 Toombs County
- 96 Treutlen County
- 97 Turner County
- 98 Ware County
- 99 Wayne County
- 100 Webster County

101 ~~Wheeler County~~
 102 ~~Wilcox County~~
 103 ~~Worth County~~

 104 ~~District 002~~
 105 ~~Baldwin County~~
 106 ~~Barrow County~~
 107 ~~Bibb County~~
 108 ~~Burke County~~
 109 ~~Butts County~~
 110 ~~Clarke County~~
 111 ~~Columbia County~~
 112 ~~Crawford County~~
 113 ~~Elbert County~~
 114 ~~Emanuel County~~
 115 ~~Glascock County~~
 116 ~~Greene County~~
 117 ~~Gwinnett County~~
 118 ~~Tract: 504.15~~
 119 ~~Tract: 504.16~~
 120 ~~Tract: 504.29~~
 121 ~~Tract: 504.30~~
 122 ~~Tract: 505.09~~
 123 ~~BG: 1~~
 124 ~~BG: 2~~
 125 ~~2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006~~
 126 ~~BG: 3~~
 127 ~~BG: 4~~
 128 ~~Tract: 505.14~~
 129 ~~BG: 1~~
 130 ~~1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011~~
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 141 ~~Tract: 505.20~~
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 144 BG: 2
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 151 ~~4006 4007 4008~~
 152 ~~Tract: 505.22~~
 153 ~~Tract: 506.02~~
 154 ~~Tract: 506.03~~
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 158 BG: 1
 159 BG: 2
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 166 ~~Tract: 507.05~~
 167 ~~Tract: 507.09~~
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 171 ~~Tract: 507.16~~
 172 ~~Tract: 507.17~~
 173 ~~Tract: 507.18~~

174 ~~Tract: 507.19~~
175 ~~Tract: 507.20~~
176 ~~Tract: 507.21~~
177 ~~Hancock County~~
178 ~~Houston County~~
179 ~~Jackson County~~
180 ~~Jasper County~~
181 ~~Jefferson County~~
182 ~~Jenkins County~~
183 ~~Johnson County~~
184 ~~Jones County~~
185 ~~Lincoln County~~
186 ~~Madison County~~
187 ~~McDuffie County~~
188 ~~Monroe County~~
189 ~~Morgan County~~
190 ~~Newton County~~
191 ~~Oconee County~~
192 ~~Oglethorpe County~~
193 ~~Peach County~~
194 ~~Putnam County~~
195 ~~Richmond County~~
196 ~~Rockdale County~~
197 ~~Screven County~~
198 ~~Taliaferro County~~
199 ~~Taylor County~~
200 ~~Twiggs County~~
201 ~~Walton County~~
202 ~~Warren County~~
203 ~~Washington County~~
204 ~~Wilkes County~~
205 ~~Wilkinson County~~

206 ~~District 003~~
207 ~~Clayton County~~
208 ~~DeKalb County~~
209 ~~Fulton County~~

210 ~~District 004~~
211 ~~Banks County~~
212 ~~Bartow County~~
213 ~~Catoosa County~~
214 ~~Chattooga County~~
215 ~~Cherokee County~~
216 ~~Dade County~~
217 ~~Dawson County~~
218 ~~Fannin County~~
219 ~~Floyd County~~
220 ~~Forsyth County~~
221 ~~Franklin County~~
222 ~~Gilmer County~~
223 ~~Gordon County~~
224 ~~Gwinnett County~~
225 ~~Tract: 501.03~~
226 ~~Tract: 501.04~~
227 ~~Tract: 501.05~~
228 ~~Tract: 501.06~~
229 ~~Tract: 502.02~~
230 ~~Tract: 502.04~~
231 ~~Tract: 502.05~~
232 ~~Tract: 502.06~~
233 ~~Tract: 502.07~~
234 ~~Tract: 503.04~~
235 ~~Tract: 503.06~~
236 ~~Tract: 503.07~~
237 ~~Tract: 503.08~~
238 ~~Tract: 503.09~~
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 258 ~~Tract: 504.26~~
 259 ~~Tract: 504.27~~
 260 ~~Tract: 504.28~~
 261 ~~Tract: 505.07~~
 262 ~~Tract: 505.09~~
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 266 ~~Tract: 505.10~~
 267 ~~Tract: 505.11~~
 268 ~~Tract: 505.12~~
 269 ~~Tract: 505.13~~
 270 ~~Tract: 505.14~~
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 274 ~~BG: 2~~
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 279 ~~Tract: 505.15~~
 280 ~~Tract: 505.16~~
 281 ~~BG: 2~~
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284 ~~2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047~~

285 ~~Tract: 505.17~~

286 ~~Tract: 505.18~~

287 ~~Tract: 505.19~~

288 ~~Tract: 505.20~~

289 ~~BG: 1~~

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298 ~~Tract: 505.21~~

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300 ~~3021~~

301 ~~BG: 4~~

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303 ~~BG: 5~~

304 ~~Tract: 506.03~~

305 ~~BG: 1~~

306 ~~BG: 2~~

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310 ~~Tract: 506.04~~

311 ~~BG: 2~~

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315 ~~Tract: 507.12~~

316 ~~Habersham County~~

317 ~~Hall County~~

318 ~~Hart County~~

319 ~~Lumpkin County~~

320 ~~Murray County~~

- 321 ~~Pickens County~~
- 322 ~~Rabun County~~
- 323 ~~Stephens County~~
- 324 ~~Towns County~~
- 325 ~~Union County~~
- 326 ~~Walker County~~
- 327 ~~White County~~
- 328 ~~Whitfield County~~

- 329 ~~District 005~~
- 330 ~~Carroll County~~
- 331 ~~Cobb County~~
- 332 ~~Coweta County~~
- 333 ~~Douglas County~~
- 334 ~~Fayette County~~
- 335 ~~Haralson County~~
- 336 ~~Harris County~~
- 337 ~~Heard County~~
- 338 ~~Henry County~~
- 339 ~~Lamar County~~
- 340 ~~Meriwether County~~
- 341 ~~Muscogee County~~
- 342 ~~Paulding County~~
- 343 ~~Pike County~~
- 344 ~~Polk County~~
- 345 ~~Spalding County~~
- 346 ~~Talbot County~~
- 347 ~~Troup County~~
- 348 ~~Upson County~~

- 349 District 001
- 350 Appling County
- 351 Atkinson County
- 352 Bacon County
- 353 Baker County
- 354 Ben Hill County
- 355 Berrien County

- 356 Brantley County
- 357 Brooks County
- 358 Bryan County
- 359 Bulloch County
- 360 Calhoun County
- 361 Camden County
- 362 Candler County
- 363 Charlton County
- 364 Chatham County
- 365 Chattahoochee County
- 366 Clay County
- 367 Clinch County
- 368 Coffee County
- 369 Colquitt County
- 370 Cook County
- 371 Crisp County
- 372 Decatur County
- 373 Dodge County
- 374 Dooly County
- 375 Dougherty County
- 376 Early County
- 377 Echols County
- 378 Effingham County
- 379 Evans County
- 380 Glynn County
- 381 Grady County
- 382 Irwin County
- 383 Jeff Davis County
- 384 Lanier County
- 385 Lee County
- 386 Liberty County
- 387 Long County
- 388 Lowndes County
- 389 Macon County
- 390 Marion County
- 391 McIntosh County
- 392 Miller County

393 Mitchell County
394 Montgomery County
395 Muscogee County
396 Pierce County
397 Pulaski County
398 Quitman County
399 Randolph County
400 Schley County
401 Seminole County
402 Stewart County
403 Sumter County
404 Tattnall County
405 Telfair County
406 Terrell County
407 Thomas County
408 Tift County
409 Toombs County
410 Turner County
411 Ware County
412 Wayne County
413 Webster County
414 Wheeler County
415 Wilcox County
416 Worth County

417 District 002
418 Baldwin County
419 Barrow County
420 Bibb County
421 Bleckley County
422 Burke County
423 Clarke County
424 Emanuel County
425 Glascok County
426 Greene County
427 Gwinnett County
428 Hancock County

429 Houston County
430 Jackson County
431 Jasper County
432 Jefferson County
433 Jenkins County
434 Johnson County
435 Jones County
436 Laurens County
437 Morgan County
438 Newton County
439 Oconee County
440 Putnam County
441 Screven County
442 Treutlen County
443 Twiggs County
444 Walton County
445 Washington County
446 Wilkinson County

447 District 003
448 Clayton County
449 DeKalb County
450 Fulton County
451 Rockdale County

452 District 004
453 Banks County
454 Bartow County
455 Catoosa County
456 Chattooga County
457 Cherokee County
458 Columbia County
459 Dade County
460 Dawson County
461 Elbert County
462 Fannin County
463 Floyd County

464 Forsyth County
465 Franklin County
466 Gilmer County
467 Gordon County
468 Habersham County
469 Hall County
470 Hart County
471 Lincoln County
472 Lumpkin County
473 Madison County
474 McDuffie County
475 Murray County
476 Oglethorpe County
477 Pickens County
478 Rabun County
479 Richmond County
480 Stephens County
481 Taliaferro County
482 Towns County
483 Union County
484 Walker County
485 Warren County
486 White County
487 Whitfield County
488 Wilkes County

489 District 005
490 Butts County
491 Carroll County
492 Cobb County
493 Coweta County
494 Crawford County
495 Douglas County
496 Fayette County
497 Haralson County
498 Harris County
499 Heard County

500 Henry County
 501 Lamar County
 502 Meriwether County
 503 Monroe County
 504 Paulding County
 505 Peach County
 506 Pike County
 507 Polk County
 508 Spalding County
 509 Talbot County
 510 Taylor County
 511 Troup County
 512 Upson County

513 (d) The first members of the commission elected under this Code section shall be elected
 514 thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, ~~2000~~ 2012, from
 515 Public Service Commission Districts 3 and 5, shall take office on the first day of January
 516 immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of six years and
 517 until the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those members of the
 518 commission elected thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November,
 519 ~~2002~~ 2014, from Public Service Commission Districts 1 and 4 shall take office on the first
 520 day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for terms of office of
 521 six years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors. The
 522 member of the commission elected thereto on the Tuesday next following the first Monday
 523 in November, ~~2004~~ 2016, from Public Service Commission District 2 shall take office on
 524 the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for a term of
 525 office of six years and until the election and qualification of his or her respective successor.
 526 All future successors to members of the commission whose terms of office are to expire
 527 shall be elected at the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of
 528 such terms, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election,
 529 and shall serve for terms of office of six years.

530 ~~(e) For purposes of this Code section:~~

531 ~~(1) The terms "Tract" and "BG" (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same~~
 532 ~~geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the~~
 533 ~~United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric~~
 534 ~~designations in a Tract description which are underneath a "BG" heading shall mean and~~
 535 ~~describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau~~
 536 ~~of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.~~

537 ~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any Public Service Commission~~
 538 ~~District, whenever the description of any Public Service Commission District refers to~~
 539 ~~a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the~~
 540 ~~census maps for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.~~

541 ~~(3) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any Public Service~~
 542 ~~Commission District described in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be included~~
 543 ~~within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according~~
 544 ~~to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.~~

545 ~~(4) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in subsection (c) of this Code~~
 546 ~~section as being included in a particular Public Service Commission District shall~~
 547 ~~nevertheless not be included within such Public Service Commission District if such part~~
 548 ~~is not contiguous to such Public Service Commission District. Such noncontiguous part~~
 549 ~~shall instead be included within that Public Service Commission District contiguous to~~
 550 ~~such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial~~
 551 ~~census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."~~

552 **SECTION 2.**

553 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 554 without such approval.

555 **SECTION 3.**

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