

House Bill 840 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, and Morris of the 155<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County, approved July  
2 18, 1919 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 646), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2002  
3 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5796), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to  
4 provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current  
5 members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for  
6 submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
7 amended; to provide for 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 Emanuel County, approved July 18, 1919  
11 (Ga. L. 1919, p. 646), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 1 as  
12 follows:

13 "(b) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County who are serving  
14 as such on July 1, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
15 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
16 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 1 as follows:

19 "(d)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Emanuel  
20 County is divided into five single-member commissioner districts. The five  
21 commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described  
22 in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan:  
23 emanuelcc-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Emanuel cc User: bak'.

24 (2) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall mean  
 25 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
 26 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

27 (3) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a  
 28 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the  
 29 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the  
 30 State of Georgia. Any part of Emanuel County which is not included in any such district  
 31 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 32 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
 33 2010 for the State of Georgia.

34 (4) Any part of Emanuel County which is described in that attachment as being in a  
 35 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not  
 36 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that  
 37 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the  
 38 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

39 (5) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education district, whenever  
 40 the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
 41 boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census  
 42 of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

43 (6) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to December  
 44 31, 2012, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
 45 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013,  
 46 such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be  
 47 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
 48 under this Act."

49 **SECTION 3.**

50 It shall be the duty of the authority of Emanuel County to require the attorney therefor to  
 51 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
 52 as amended.

53 **SECTION 4.**

54 The provisions of this section and Section 1 of this Act relating to and necessary for the  
 55 regular election in 2012 of members of the Board of Commissioners of Emanuel County  
 56 shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective  
 57 without such approval; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.

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**SECTION 5.**

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

District 001

Emanuel County

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District 002

Emanuel County

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District 003

Emanuel County

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VTD: 1071748 - ADRIAN

District 004

Emanuel County

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VTD: 1070053 - SWAINSBORO

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VTD: 1070057 - SUMMERTOWN

VTD: 1071208 - BLUNDALE

VTD: 1071333 - CANOOCHEE

VTD: 1071429 - GARFIELD

VTD: 1071452 - COWFORD

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