

Senate Bill 323

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to amend and supersede the laws pertaining to the governing authority of
 2 Lowndes County, approved March 15, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3508), so as to change the
 3 description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
 4 for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under Section 5 of the
 5 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
 6 purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to amend and supersede the laws pertaining to the governing authority of Lowndes
 10 County, approved March 15, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3508), is amended by revising Section 3
 11 as follows:

12 **"SECTION 3.**

13 (a) On and after January 1, 2013, the board shall consist of six members, five of whom
 14 shall be elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section and
 15 the sixth of whom shall be the chairperson who is elected at large.

16 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board other than the chairperson, there are
 17 hereby created five commissioner districts for Lowndes County. For purposes of creating
 18 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3, Lowndes County is divided into three commissioner
 19 districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. Commissioner
 20 Districts 1, 2, and 3 shall be and correspond to those three numbered districts as described
 21 in the districting plan attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan:
 22 lowndesccp1-2011 Plan Type: LOCAL Administrator: LOWNDES User: STAFF'. For
 23 purposes of creating Commissioner Districts 4 and 5, Lowndes County is divided into two
 24 commissioner districts which shall overlay Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3. One
 25 member of the board shall be elected from each such district. Commissioner Districts 4
 26 and 5 shall be and correspond to those two numbered districts as described in the districting

27 plan attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan:
28 lowndesccsupprop1-Tiger2010 Plan Type: LOCAL Administrator: JM User: Admin'.

29 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

30 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
31 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
32 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
33 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual
34 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
35 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

36 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
37 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
38 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
39 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

40 (2) Any part of Lowndes County which is not included in Commissioner
41 District 1, 2, or 3 as described in that attachment describing Commissioner Districts 1, 2,
42 and 3 shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the
43 least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
44 Georgia. Any part of Lowndes County which is described in that attachment describing
45 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3 as being included in a particular district shall
46 nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such
47 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that Commissioner
48 District 1, 2, or 3 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
49 to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

50 (3) Any part of Lowndes County which is not included in Commissioner District 4 or 5
51 as described in that attachment describing Commissioner Districts 4 and 5 shall be
52 included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
53 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any
54 part of Lowndes County which is described in that attachment describing Commissioner
55 Districts 4 and 5 as being in Commissioner District 4 or 5 shall nevertheless not be
56 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
57 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that Commissioner District 4 or 5 that
58 is contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
59 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

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SECTION 2.

61 The Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County shall through its legal counsel cause this
62 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
63 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
64 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

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

67 Plan:lowndescopl-2011
 68 Plan Type: LOCAL
 69 Administrator: LOWNDES
 70 User:STAFF

 71 District 001
 72 Lowndes County
 73 VTD: 18504 - MT OLIVE CHURCH
 74 4000 4002 4003 4004
 75 VTD: 18507 - PINE GROVE CHURCH
 76 4001 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4017
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 78 VTD: 18508 - WATER TMT PLANT
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 92 VTD: 18513 - JAYCEE PARK ACT
 93 VTD: 18514 - NAYLOR CITY HALL
 94 VTD: 18515 - SENIOR CITIZENS
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 114 VTD: 18524 - RAINWATER CONFERENCE CENTER
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 139 VTD: 18532 - MILDRED HUNTER

140 VTD: 18533 - AIRPORT CHURCH
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 142 District 002
 143 Lowndes County
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 188 VTD: 18510 - MT ZION A.M.E.
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 203 District 003
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 265 VTD: 18537 - LAKE PARK CIVIC