

House Bill 913 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 119<sup>th</sup>, and Anderson of the 117<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, approved  
2 March 21, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4565), so as to change the description of the commissioner  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuance in office  
5 of current members; to provide for the 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 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 Columbia County, approved March 21, 1980  
11 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002  
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4565), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 1 as  
13 follows:

14 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, with the exception of the board  
15 chairperson who shall be elected county wide, Columbia County is divided into four  
16 commissioner districts. The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those  
17 four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
18 identified as 'Plan: columbiacsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Columbia User:  
19 Gina'.

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

21 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
23 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
24 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
25 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
26 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

31 (2) Any part of Columbia County which is not included in any district described in  
32 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
33 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
34 2010 for the State of Georgia.

35 (3) Any part of Columbia County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as  
36 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
37 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
38 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
39 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
40 Georgia."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County who are serving  
43 as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such  
44 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective  
45 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

46 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
47 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,  
48 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this  
49 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be  
50 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
51 under this Act.

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 The Board of Commissioners of Columbia County shall through its legal counsel cause this  
54 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of  
55 1965, as amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
56 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

57 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: columbiaccsb-2012  
Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: Columbia  
User: Gina

District 001

Columbia County

VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

030106:

1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011  
1012 1013 1014 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 2000 2001 2002 2003  
2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

VTD: 073105 - STEVENS CREEK

VTD: 073106 - SAVANNAH RAPIDS

VTD: 073107 - GOSPEL WATER

VTD: 073108 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

VTD: 073109 - STEVENS CREEK

VTD: 073111 - LAKESIDE MIDDLE

VTD: 073131 - RIVERSIDE BAPTIST

VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST

030309:

3000 3001 4001 4003 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4020  
4026

VTD: 073134 - COL CTY MAIN LIBRARY

VTD: 073135 - BIBLE CATHEDRAL

VTD: 073136 - BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073137 - CHRIST THE KING

District 002

Columbia County

VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

030302:

4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017  
4019 4020 4021 4022 4023

VTD: 073070 - BLANCHARD PARK

VTD: 073074 - MTZ COL FIRE DEPARTMENT

VTD: 073075 - BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073076 - MARVIN METHODIST

VTD: 073080 - WESTSIDE BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073085 - TRINITY BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073090 - ABILENE BAPTIST

VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

030106:

2016 2017 2018

VTD: 073110 - MTZ COL FIRE HD

VTD: 073115 - MARTINEZ BAPTIST

VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS

030201:

1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015  
1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1024 1025 1026 3000 3001 3002  
3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014  
3015

VTD: 073125 - CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

District 003

Columbia County

VTD: 073015 - LEWIS METHODIST

VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

030306:

1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

VTD: 073050 - BURKS MOUNT FIRE

VTD: 073051 - DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073060 - COL CTY BOARD

VTD: 073061 - GREENBRIER HIGH

VTD: 073062 - PARKWAY BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073063 - RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

VTD: 073064 - GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

VTD: 073065 - EVANS SANCTIFIED

VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS

030306:

2000

VTD: 073130 - WEST ACRES BAPTIST

VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST

030308:

1005 1022 1023

District 004

Columbia County

VTD: 073010 - KIOKEE BAPT CHURCH

VTD: 073020 - HARLEM MIDDLE SCHOOL

VTD: 073021 - HARLEM BAPTIST

VTD: 073025 - BESSIE THOMAS

VTD: 073026 - PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

VTD: 073030 - GROVETOWN CITY

VTD: 073031 - GROVETOWN METHODIST  
VTD: 073032 - G A APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
VTD: 073033 - GROVETOWN MIDDLE  
VTD: 073040 - EUBANK/BLANCHARD