

House Bill 693 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Burns of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act for the election and creation of a board of commissioners for Screven
2 County, approved December 9, 1871 (Ga. L. 1871-72, p. 231), as amended, particularly by
3 an Act approved August 19, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 456), by an Act approved August 16, 1915
4 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 345), by an Act approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3495), and by an
5 Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3650), so as to provide for the election of
6 members of the board of commissioners of Screven County; to revise the districts for the
7 election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions;
8 to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for qualifications; to provide for the
9 election of a chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act
10 for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
11 to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
12 other purposes.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

14 **SECTION 1.**

15 An Act for the election and creation of a board of commissioners for Screven County,
16 approved December 9, 1871 (Ga. L. 1871-72, p. 231), as amended, particularly by an Act
17 approved August 19, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 456), by an Act approved August 16, 1915 (Ga.
18 L. 1915, p. 345), by an Act approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3495), and by an Act
19 approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3650), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

20 **"SECTION 2.**

21 (a) The board of commissioners of Screven County shall be composed of seven members.
22 For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners of Screven County,
23 Screven County shall be divided into seven commissioner districts. One member of the
24 board shall be elected from each district. The districts shall be and correspond to those
25 seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and

further identified as 'Plan: screvenccsbR-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Screven User: Gina'.

(b) For purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

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

(e) To be eligible to be elected to membership on the board of commissioners, a person shall be a registered elector of Screven County eligible to vote for members of the General Assembly and shall have resided in Screven County for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the date of such person's election. The members of the board of commissioners shall be elected by the qualified electors voting within their respective commissioner districts.

(f) In the event of a vacancy on the board of commissioners for any reason other than the expiration of the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' and the residency requirements set forth in this Act. In the event that a member of the board of commissioners ceases to be a resident of the commissioner district from which such member was elected, a vacancy shall exist and shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies are filled.

(g) At its first meeting each year, the members of the board of commissioners shall elect, by majority vote, one of their members to serve as chairperson for that year and until the

election of a chairperson in the subsequent year. A member shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as a member of the board and also as chairperson of the board.

(h) The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election in November 2008 shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election in November 2010 shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

(i) The first members of the reconstituted board of commissioners of Screven County from Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 7 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2014. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(j) The first members of the reconstituted board of commissioners of Screven County from Commissioner Districts 2, 3, 5, and 6 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2012. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(k) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(l) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as they existed on January 1, 2012, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

SECTION 2.

The governing authority of Screven County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the appropriate court no later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

95 **SECTION 3.**

96 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of
97 members of the board of commissioners of Screven County shall become effective upon its
98 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
99 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.

100 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: screvencsbr-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Screven
User: Gina

District 001
Screven County
VTD: 25106 - BAY BRANCH
970200:
1004 1033 1035 1036
970300:
1076
VTD: 25107 - HILTONIA
VTD: 25108 - SCREVEN REC.
VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH
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District 002
Screven County
VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH
970400:
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VTD: 25110 - SR CITIZENS CENTER

District 003
Screven County
VTD: 25102 - HUNTERS
VTD: 25109 - GREENHILL CHURCH
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District 004
Screven County
VTD: 25103 - NEWINGTON
VTD: 25111 - JACKSON FIRE STATION
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Screven County
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District 006

Screven County

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VTD: 25106 - BAY BRANCH

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District 007

Screven County

VTD: 25101 - SYLVANIA

VTD: 25104 - CULVER'S STORE

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