

House Bill 737 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Williamson of the 111<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved August  
2 1, 1929 (Ga. L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002  
3 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4503), 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 an effective date; 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 a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved August 1, 1929 (Ga.  
11 L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002,  
12 p. 4503), is amended by repealing Section 2 and enacting a new Section 2 to read as follows:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Walton County who are serving as  
15 such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, and any person selected to fill a  
16 vacancy in any such office, shall continue to serve as such members until the regular  
17 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their  
18 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of  
19 Commissioners of Walton County shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be  
20 elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section and a  
21 chairperson who is elected at large as provided in this Act.

22 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the  
23 chairperson, Walton County is divided into six commissioner districts. One member of the  
24 board shall be elected from each such district. The six commissioner districts shall be and  
25 correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of

26 this Act and further identified as 'Plan: waltonccprop3-2012 Plan Type: Local  
27 Administrator: Walton CC User: SE'.

28 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same  
29 geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
30 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric  
31 designations in a district description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and  
32 describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the  
33 Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

34 (d) Any part of Walton County which is not included in any such district described in that  
35 attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the  
36 least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
37 Georgia. Any part of Walton County which is described in that attachment as being in a  
38 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not  
39 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that  
40 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United  
41 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in  
42 the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such district  
43 refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on  
44 the census map for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

45 (e) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office  
46 pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law applicable to that  
47 office.

48 (f) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a person  
49 must be a resident of that commissioner district and must receive the number of votes cast  
50 as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only electors who are  
51 residents of that commissioner district may vote for a member of the board for that district.  
52 At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from a commissioner  
53 district, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which  
54 that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from  
55 a commissioner district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of  
56 office or that office shall become vacant.

57 (g) The chairperson of the board may reside anywhere within Walton County and, if  
58 elected, must receive the number of votes cast for that office as required by general law in  
59 the entire county. The chairperson must continue to reside within the county during that  
60 person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

61 (h) The members of the board of commissioners shall be elected as provided in this  
62 subsection. The first members from Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 5 shall be elected at

63 the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014.  
64 Those members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1, 4, and 5 in  
65 2014 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall  
66 serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2018, and upon the election and  
67 qualification of their respective successors. The chairperson and the first members from  
68 Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 6 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday  
69 next following the first Monday in November, 2012. The chairperson and those members  
70 of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 6 in 2012 shall take  
71 office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial  
72 terms of office which expire December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification  
73 of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to the chairperson and the  
74 members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the  
75 state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take  
76 office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms  
77 of office of four years each. The chairperson and the members of the board shall serve for  
78 the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors  
79 are elected and qualified.

80 (i) The chairperson and all members of the board who are elected thereto shall be  
81 nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the  
82 'Georgia Election Code.'

83 (j) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the  
84 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2,  
85 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the  
86 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former  
87 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective  
88 districts as newly described under this Act."

89 **SECTION 2.**

90 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Walton County to  
91 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
92 as amended.

93 **SECTION 3.**

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

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**SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: waltonccprop3-2012  
Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: Walton CC  
User: SE

District 001

Walton County

VTD: 2971663 - BOLD SPRINGS

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VTD: 297415 - BETWEEN

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VTD: 297417 - LOGANVILLE NORTH

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VTD: 297424 - BAY CREEK

District 002

Walton County

VTD: 297417 - LOGANVILLE NORTH

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VTD: 297421 - LOGANVILLE SOUTH

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VTD: 297422 - WEST WALTON

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District 003

Walton County

VTD: 297416 - WALNUT GROVE

VTD: 297419 - SOUTH MONROE

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VTD: 297421 - LOGANVILLE SOUTH

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VTD: 297422 - WEST WALTON

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VTD: 297423 - BROKEN ARROW

VTD: 297502 - JERSEY

District 004

Walton County

VTD: 2971675 - WHATLEY

VTD: 297414 - GRATIS

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VTD: 297418 - SOCIAL CIRCLE

VTD: 297419 - SOUTH MONROE

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VTD: 297454 - MOUNTAIN

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District 005

Walton County

VTD: 2971663 - BOLD SPRINGS

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VTD: 297250 - CAMPTON

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VTD: 297414 - GRATIS

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VTD: 297415 - BETWEEN

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VTD: 297419 - SOUTH MONROE

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VTD: 297425 - E MONROE

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District 006

Walton County

VTD: 297250 - CAMPTON

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VTD: 297414 - GRATIS

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VTD: 297419 - SOUTH MONROE

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VTD: 297420 - NORTH MONROE

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VTD: 297559 - GOOD HOPE  
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