# House Bill 1015 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) By: Representative Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for the 2 County of Jenkins, approved August 1, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 449), as amended, particularly 3 by an Act approved April 3, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2960), an Act approved March 31, 1976 4 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3643), and an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4984), so as to 5 revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for terms of office and election; to provide for 6 7 submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal 8 9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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### **SECTION 1.**

An Act establishing a board of commissioners of roads and revenues for the County of Jenkins, approved August 1, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 449), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 3, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2960), an Act approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3643), and an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4984), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

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## "SECTION 3.

(a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Jenkins County
is divided into five districts. Such districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered
districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
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22 (b) For the 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

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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 any 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.

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

(d) Any part of Jenkins 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) One commissioner shall be elected from each commissioner district by the voters
residing therein. Each commissioner shall be a resident of the commissioner district he or
she represents. No person shall be a candidate for the office of commissioner who does not
reside within the commissioner district which he or she seeks to represent.

(f)(1) 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.

(2) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Jenkins County
from Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 4 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.

(3) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Jenkins County
from Commissioner Districts 2 and 5 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.

60 (4) Successors to members elected under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection shall
61 be elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms
62 of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years
63 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

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(5) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2012, shall
continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 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.

(g) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board for any reason other than the expiration of the term of office, the remaining members of the board shall elect a person who shall be a resident of the district in which the vacancy occurs to serve for the unexpired term. In the event a member moves his or her residence from the district he or she represents, a vacancy shall exist from such district and shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies are filled.

(h) At its first meeting held in January, beginning in 1977 and continuing thereafter, the
board shall elect by a majority vote one of its members to serve as chairperson for a term
of one year, such term to end on the date of the first meeting in January of the following
year. A member shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself as a member of the board
and as chairperson of the board."

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### **SECTION 2.**

82 The Board of Commissioners of Jenkins County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act

to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,

84 as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the

85 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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### **SECTION 3.**

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

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### **SECTION 4.**

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