

House Bill 1264

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Hightower of the 68th, Brooks of the 63rd, and Bruce of the 64th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Douglasville, approved April 16,
2 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4559), as amended, so as to change the description of the election
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to
4 provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of
5 this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
6 amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Douglasville, approved April 16, 1999
10 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4559), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.10 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.10.

12 City council creation; number; election; districts.

13 (a) The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically
14 provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and
15 seven councilmembers. The mayor shall be elected at large by the electors of the city.
16 Councilmembers shall be elected from five districts by the electors of their respective
17 districts. One councilmember shall be elected from each of Districts 1, 4, and 5; and two
18 councilmembers shall be elected from each of Districts 2 and 3. The city council
19 established in this charter shall in all respects be a successor to and continuation of the city
20 governing authority under prior law. The mayor and councilmembers shall be elected in
21 the manner provided by general law and this charter.

22 (b) For the purpose of electing councilmembers, the City of Douglasville shall be divided
23 into five districts. Those districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts
24 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
25 'Plan: douglasvillecity-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: douglasville city User: bak'.

26 (c) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

37 (d) Any part of the City of Douglasville which is not included in any district described in
 38 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
 39 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
 40 for the State of Georgia.

41 (e) Any part of the City of Douglasville which is described in subsection (b) of this section
 42 as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
 43 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead
 44 be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
 45 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

46 **SECTION 2.**

47 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

48 "SECTION 5.11.

49 Regular elections; time for holding.

50 (a) There shall be a municipal general election biennially in odd-numbered years on the
 51 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November.

52 (b) There shall be elected the mayor and councilmembers from Wards 4 and 5 and Ward 2,
 53 Post 2, at the election held in 2015 and at every other election thereafter. The remaining
 54 councilmembers' seats shall be filled at the election held in 2013 and at every other election
 55 thereafter so that a continuing body is created."

56 **SECTION 3.**

57 (a) Those members of the city council of the City of Douglasville who are serving as such
 58 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office

59 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms
60 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

61 (b)(1) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
62 Ward 1 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described Ward 1.

63 (2) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
64 Ward 2 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described Ward 2,
65 Post 1.

66 (3) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
67 Ward 3, Post 1, shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described
68 Ward 3, Post 1.

69 (4) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
70 Ward 3, Post 2, shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described
71 Ward 3, Post 2.

72 (5) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
73 Ward 4 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described Ward 2,
74 Post 2.

75 (6) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
76 Ward 5, Post 1, shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described
77 Ward 5.

78 (7) On and after the effective date of this Act, the councilmember serving from former
79 Ward 5, Post 2, shall be deemed to be serving from and representing newly described
80 Ward 4.

81 **SECTION 4.**

82 The governing authority of the City of Douglasville shall through its legal counsel cause this
83 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
84 1965, as amended, not later than 90 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
85 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

86 **SECTION 5.**

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

Plan: douglasvillecity-2012
Plan Type: local
Administrator: douglasville city
User:bak

District Ward 1
Douglas County
VTD: 0971259 - WINSTON
080403:
2019
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
080304:
2055
VTD: 097733 - ARBOR STATION
080508:
1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015
1016 1017 1018 1021 1023 2000 2001 2002 2004 2005 2006 3002
VTD: 097734 - BRIGHT STAR
080505:
1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1044
VTD: 097738 - ST JULIANS
080508:
3003 3019
VTD: 097739 - LUTHERAN CHURCH
080509:
2003 2018
VTD: 097740 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
080603:
1017 1018 1024

District Ward 2
Douglas County
VTD: 0971273 - TURNER
080202:
3036 3037
VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
080202:
2002 2003 2010
VTD: 0971276 - DEER LICK
080202:
1001
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
080303:
1002 1003 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1016 1017 1019 1020 1022
1023 1029 1030 1042 1043 1044 1045 1046 1047 1048 1049 1050
1051 1052 1053 1055 1056 1057 1058 1059 1060 1061 1062 1063
080304:
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1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1025 1026 1027 1028 2002
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2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2031
2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2042 2043 2044 2045
2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2053 2057 2058 2067 2068
VTD: 097731 - BEULAH
080201:
3018 3020 3022
080301:
3000 3005 4021
VTD: 097737 - CHESTNUT LOG
080603:
2010 2011 2016 2022 2028 2029 2045 2049 2051 2052 2053 2054
2055 2056 2057 2059 2060 2061 2067
VTD: 097740 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
080603:
2002 2009 2012 2014 2015 2033 2034 2035 2064 2066

District Ward 3
Douglas County
VTD: 0971259 - WINSTON
080403:
2000 2003
080404:
1010 1027 1040
080505:
1020 1021
VTD: 097729 - GOLDEN METHODIST
080301:
1006 1007 1015 1016 1018 1019 1021 1022 1023 2001 2003 2008
2009 2010 2011 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021
2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2035 2036 2037
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
080304:

2000 2001 2010 2011 2012
VTD: 097732 - STEWART
080301:
3004 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017
3018 3019 3020 3021 3022 3023 3024 3025 3028 3030 3031 3032
3033 3034 3035 3036 3037 3038 3039 3041 4014 4022 4025 4026
4027 4028 4029

District Ward 4
Douglas County
VTD: 097736N - CHAPEL HILL
080510:
3000
VTD: 097737 - CHESTNUT LOG
080603:
1000 1025
VTD: 097739 - LUTHERAN CHURCH
080509:
1000 1001 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2015 2020
VTD: 097740 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
080603:
1001 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1011 1012 1038 2037 2038 2071
2072 2073

District Ward 5
Douglas County
VTD: 0971270 - COLONIAL HILLS
080102:
2003 2006 2012 2013 2016
080103:
3007 3017 3019 3020
VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
080102:
2036 2038 2041 2043 2046 2051 2056 2057 2059 2060 2061 2062
2063 2068 2100 2103 2104 2105 2106 2107 2108 2114 2118 2119
2120 2122 2123 2125 2126
080602:
1020
VTD: 097784 - FACTORY SHOALS
080602:
1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013
1014 1015 1016 1018 1019 1021 1022 1025 1027 1029 1044 1045
1046 1047 1048 1049 1050