

Senate Bill 304

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County, approved April 4,
 2 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4028), as amended, so as to change the description of the
 3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation
 4 in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent
 5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
 6 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
 7 other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County, approved April 4, 1996
 11 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4028), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2 of said Act and
 12 inserting in its place the following:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 (a) The Board of Commissioners of Stewart County shall consist of five commissioners.
 15 Each commissioner shall be a resident of his or her respective commissioner district
 16 described in subsection (b) of this section and shall be elected by the electors of such
 17 district as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

18 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Stewart County is
 19 divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
 20 each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five
 21 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
 22 identified as 'Plan: stewartccsbR-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Stewart User:
 23 Gina'.

24 (c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
 25 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the

26 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
27 Georgia.

28 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
29 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
30 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
31 State of Georgia. Any part of Stewart County which is not included in any such district
32 described in that attachment 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 Stewart County which is described in that attachment as being in a
36 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not
37 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
38 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
39 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

40 (4) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,
41 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
42 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
43 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

44 **SECTION 2.**

45 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 of said Act and inserting in its place the
46 following:

47 "SECTION 4.

48 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County who are serving as
49 such on December 31, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
50 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
51 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

52 (b) At the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November
53 2014, members of the board shall be elected from Commissioner Districts 2 and 4, shall
54 take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for
55 initial terms of office which expire on December 31, 2018, and upon the election and
56 qualification of their respective successors. At the general election on the Tuesday next
57 following the first Monday in November 2012, members of the board shall be elected from
58 Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5, shall take office the first day of January immediately
59 following that election, and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire on
60 December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

61 Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire
62 shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the
63 expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following
64 that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board
65 shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their
66 respective successors are elected and qualified. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,
67 as they exist immediately prior to January 1, 2013, shall continue to be designated as
68 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this
69 Act, and on and after such date, such members of the board serving from those former
70 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective
71 districts as newly described under this Act.

72 (c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in
73 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

74 **SECTION 3.**

75 The Board of Commissioners of Stewart County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
76 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
77 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with
78 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
79 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

80 **SECTION 4.**

81 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
82 election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County in 2012 shall become
83 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
84 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

85 **SECTION 5.**

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

87 Plan: stewartccsbR-2012

88 Plan Type: Local

89 Administrator: Stewart

90 User: Gina

91 District 001

92 Stewart County

93 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN

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109 District 002

110 Stewart County

111 VTD: 25902 - RICHLAND

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119 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN

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125 District 003

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154 VTD: 25902 - RICHLAND

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162 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN
163 950400:
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166 the Stewart Detention Center
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