

House Bill 1254 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Smith of the 168th, Sims of the 169th, and Roberts of the 154th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, approved
2 March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3288), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6,
3 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3896), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts;
4 to 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 effective dates; 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 the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, approved March 25,
11 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3288), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga.
12 L. 2005, p. 3896), is amended in subsection (a) of Section 1A by revising paragraphs (3) and
13 (4) and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

14 "(3) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Jeff Davis County
15 is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected
16 from each such district by majority vote of the qualified voters residing within such
17 commissioner district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those
18 five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
19 further identified as 'Plan: jeffdavisccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: jeff davis
20 User: bak'.

21 (4) As used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall mean
22 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau
23 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

24 (5) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
25 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
26 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the

27 State of Georgia. Any part of Jeff David County which is not included in any such
28 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to
29 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
30 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

31 (6) Any part of Jeff Davis County which is described in that attachment as being in a
32 particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not
33 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that
34 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
35 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County which existed on December 31, 2012, is
42 continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2013, shall be constituted as provided in
43 this Act. The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County so continued and constituted,
44 sometimes referred to in this Act as the "board," shall continue to have the powers, duties,
45 rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1,
46 2013.

47 **SECTION 3.**

48 The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County shall through its legal counsel cause this
49 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
50 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
51 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval. If, as of the first date upon
52 which candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary in 2012, implementation of
53 this Act is not permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, then as
54 of such date, this Act shall be void and stand repealed in its entirety.

55 **SECTION 4.**

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

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SECTION 5.

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

Plan: jeffdavisccsb-2012
Plan Type:local
Administrator:jeff davis
User: bak

District 001
Jeff Davis County
VTD: 161100 - HAZLEHURST

District 002
Jeff Davis County
VTD: 161201 - ALTAMAHA 1
VTD: 161202 - ALTAMAHA 2

District 003
Jeff Davis County
VTD: 161301 - BLACKBURN 1
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VTD: 161302 - BLACKBURN 2

District 004
Jeff Davis County
VTD: 161301 - BLACKBURN 1
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VTD: 161401 - WHITEHEAD 1
VTD: 161402 - WHITEHEAD 2
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District 005
Jeff Davis County
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VTD: 161501 - OCMULGEE 1
VTD: 161502 - OCMULGEE 2