

House Bill 1263 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Weldon of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>, and Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the office of commissioner of Catoosa County, approved  
2 February 23, 1943 (Ga. L. 1943, p. 858), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4011), so as to change the description of the commissioner  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office  
5 of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to  
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related  
7 matters; 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 office of commissioner of Catoosa County, approved February 23, 1943  
11 (Ga. L. 1943, p. 858), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005  
12 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4011), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Catoosa County  
15 shall be divided into five commissioner districts. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4  
16 shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and  
17 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: catsbcc-2012 Plan Type: Local  
18 Administrator: Catoosa User: SE'. Commissioner District 5 shall be comprised of the  
19 entire geographic area of Catoosa County.

20 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

21 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
23 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
24 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual

25 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
 26 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

27 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
 28 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
 29 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
 30 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

31 (2) Any part of Catoosa County which is not included in any district described in  
 32 subsection (a) of this section 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 Catoosa County which is described in subsection (a) of this section as  
 36 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
 37 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
 38 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
 39 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
 40 Georgia."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County who are serving as  
 43 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such  
 44 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective  
 45 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

46 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
 47 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,  
 48 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this  
 49 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be  
 50 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
 51 under this Act.

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 The Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County shall through its legal counsel cause this  
 54 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of  
 55 1965, as amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
 56 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

57 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: catsbcc-2012  
Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: Catoosa  
User: SE

District 001  
Catoosa County  
VTD: 047CHAM - CHAMBERS  
VTD: 047FTO - FT OGLETHORPE  
VTD: 047LAKE - LAKEVIEW  
VTD: 047WDST - WOODSTATION  
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District 002  
Catoosa County  
VTD: 047BOYN - BOYNTON  
VTD: 047DPK - DUNCAN PARK  
VTD: 047WEST - WESTSIDE

District 003  
Catoosa County  
VTD: 047GRAY - GRAYSVILLE  
VTD: 047RING - RINGGOLD

District 004  
Catoosa County  
VTD: 047BLCK - BLACKSTOCK  
VTD: 047CAKT - CATOOSA KEITH  
VTD: 047POPS - POPLAR SPRINGS  
VTD: 047WDST - WOODSTATION  
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