

House Bill 72

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th and Epps of the 132nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Newnan, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3914), so as to change the description of the election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Newnan, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3914), is amended by revising Section 5.5 as follows:

"SECTION 5.5.

(a) For the purpose of electing councilmembers, the City of Newnan shall be divided into three districts. Those districts shall be and correspond to those three numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: newnanc-2013 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Newnan User: Gina'.

(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 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.

(c) Any part of the City of Newnan which is not included in any district described in subsection (a) of this section shall 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.

(d) Any part of the City of Newnan 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) Each district shall have two posts designated as Post A and Post B.

(f) The first member from District 1, Post A, shall be Councilmember Clayton Hicks, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2016. The first member from District 1, Post B, shall be elected in the November, 2013, municipal general election for a term beginning at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2014, and ending at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2016.

(g) The first member from District 2, Post A, shall be Councilmember Rhodes Shell, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2014. The first member from District 2, Post B, shall be Councilmember Ray DuBose, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2014.

(h) The first member from District 3, Post A, shall be Councilmember George M. Alexander, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2016. The first member from District 2, Post B, shall be Councilmember Cynthia Jenkins, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2016.

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, Councilmember Robert W. Coggin, whose term of office expires at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January, 2016, shall serve as a councilmember-at-large until the expiration of his term of office and thereafter such office shall be abolished and no further elections conducted for such office.

(j) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, successors to the councilmembers in Districts 1, 2, and 3 shall be elected at the November municipal general election immediately preceding the expiration of their respective terms of office and shall

63 take office at the first organizational meeting of the city council in January immediately
64 following their election for terms of four years.

65 (k) The councilmembers shall be residents of their respective districts at the time of their
66 election and shall remain residents of their respective districts during their terms of office.

67 (l) Councilmembers shall be elected by majority vote of the electors of their respective
68 districts only."

69 **SECTION 2.**

70 The governing authority of the City of Newnan shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
71 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
72 as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
73 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

74 **SECTION 3.**

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

District 001
Coweta County
VTD: 07718 - ARTS CENTRE
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VTD: 07728 - JEFFERSON PARKWAY
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District 002
Coweta County
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VTD: 07728 - JEFFERSON PARKWAY
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District 003
Coweta County
VTD: 07705 - NEWNAN

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VTD: 07715 - SMOKEY ROAD

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VTD: 07716 - TURKEY CREEK

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VTD: 07717 - CENTRAL

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