

Senate Bill 209

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act completely revising the laws relative to the governing authority of Chatham
2 County, approved March 29, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5050), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 4, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4628), so as to change the description of the
4 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the
5 continuance in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

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

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act completely revising the laws relative to the governing authority of Chatham County,
10 approved March 29, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 5050), as amended, particularly by an Act
11 approved April 4, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4628), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Chatham County is
14 divided into eight commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
15 each such district. The eight commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those eight
16 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
17 identified as 'Plan: chathamccsb-2015 Plan Type: local Administrator: chatham User: bak'.

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

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

25 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
26 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical

27 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
28 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

29 (2) Any part of Chatham County which is not included in any district described in
30 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
31 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
32 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

39 **SECTION 2.**

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

44 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as they exist immediately prior to the
45 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3,
46 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the
47 effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former
48 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective
49 districts as newly described under this Act.

50 **SECTION 3.**

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