

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to SB 264:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners for Rockdale County, approved  
2 March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to reconstitute the membership of  
3 the board of commissioners; to provide for the manner of election and terms of office; to  
4 provide for election districts; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create a Board of Commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977  
8 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, is amended by revising Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

"SECTION 2.

10 (a) On and after January 1, 2021, the board of commissioners established pursuant to this  
11 Act shall consist of five members, of which one shall be known as the chairperson and the  
12 other four as commissioners. The chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the  
13 voters of the entire county voting at the elections provided for in this Act. For the purpose  
14 of electing the other four members of the board of commissioners, Rockdale County is  
15 divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
16 each such district by a majority vote of the voters of such district voting at the elections  
17 provided for in this Act. Those four districts shall be and correspond to those four  
18 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
19 identified as 'Plan: rockdale-p2-2017 Plan Type: Local Administrator: rockdale User: bak'.  
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21 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

32 (2) Any part of Rockdale County which is not included in any district described in  
 33 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 34 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
 35 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

42 (c) The chairperson shall be a citizen of this state who has attained the age of 30 years and  
 43 who has been a resident of Rockdale County for not less than one year next preceding the  
 44 date of his or her election and shall hold no other elective public office. The chairperson  
 45 shall be a full voting member of the board of commissioners.

46 (d) Members of the commission, other than the chairperson, shall be citizens of this state  
 47 who have attained the age of 25 years and who have been residents of Rockdale County for  
 48 not less than one year next preceding the date of their election and shall hold no other  
 49 elective public office.

### 50 SECTION 3.

51 (a) All members of the board of commissioners serving in office on the effective date of  
 52 this section shall continue to serve until the expiration of the terms for which they were  
 53 elected and until their respective successors are elected and qualified unless otherwise  
 54 removed from office as provided by the Constitution and laws of this state; provided,  
 55 however, that the member who is elected in 2018 shall serve for a term of two years and  
 56 until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

57 (b) In the 2020 November general election, there will be an election to fill the seats for the  
 58 chairperson and members from Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. The chairperson and  
 59 the members from Commission Districts 1 and 3 shall be elected to initial four-year terms  
 60 of office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The members from  
 61 Commission Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected to initial two-year terms of office.

62 (c) Thereafter, successors to the chairperson and members of the board of commissioners  
 63 shall be elected in the November general election immediately preceding the end of their  
 64 respective terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following such election for  
 65 four-year terms of office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

66 (d) All elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the  
 67 O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

68 **SECTION 2.**

69 The election superintendent of Rockdale County shall call and conduct an election as  
 70 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Rockdale  
 71 County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election on  
 72 the date of and in conjunction with the 2018 November General Election and shall issue the  
 73 call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall  
 74 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks  
 75 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Rockdale County. The ballot  
 76 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

77 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which changes the board of commissioners of  
 78 ( ) NO Rockdale County from a three member board to a five member board with  
 79 a chairperson elected at large and four members elected by district?"

80 All persons desiring to vote for approval of this Act shall vote "Yes" and all persons desiring  
 81 to vote for rejection of this Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
 82 such question are for approval of this Act, then this Act shall become fully effective on  
 83 January 1, 2019. If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for rejection  
 84 of this Act or if the election is not held as provided in this section, then this Act shall  
 85 automatically be repealed on January 1, 2019. The expense of such election shall be borne  
 86 by Rockdale County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof  
 87 to the Secretary of State.

88 **SECTION 3.**

89 Except as provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval  
 90 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

91 **SECTION 4.**

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

93 Plan: rockdale-p2-2017  
 94 Plan Type: Local  
 95 Administrator: rockdale  
 96 User: bak

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 98 Rockdale County  
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 100 VTD: 247CO - CONYERS  
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