

House Bill 1082

By: Representatives Rhodes of the 120th and Leverett of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act recreating the Board of Commissioners of Wilkes County, approved
2 April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2979), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 September 21, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 437), so as to change the description of the
4 commissioner districts; to provide for continuation in office of certain current board
5 members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act recreating the Board of Commissioners of Wilkes County, approved April 17, 1975
9 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2979), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 21, 2011
10 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 437), is amended by revising subsections (c), (d), and (i) of
11 Section 3 as follows:

12 "(c) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the
13 chairperson, Wilkes County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of
14 the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall
15 be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to

16 and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Wilkes Co. Plan Name:
17 WilkesCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

18 (d)(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 2020 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 2020 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 2020 for the State of Georgia.

29 (2) Any part of Wilkes County which is not included in any district described in
30 subsection (c) 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
32 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

33 (3) Any part of Wilkes County which is described in subsection (c) 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 2020 for the State of
38 Georgia."

39 "(i) Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act,
40 shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly
41 described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of

42 the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving
43 from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.”

44 **SECTION 2.**

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

49 **SECTION 3.**

50 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
51 Commissioners of Wilkes County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this
52 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
53 provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

54 **SECTION 4.**

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

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APPENDIX A

57 User: Wilkes Co.

58 Plan Name: WilkesCCSB-2022

59 Plan Type: Local

60 District 001

61 County Wilkes GA

62 VTD 3171 - SENIOR CITIZEN

63 VTD 3172A - YOUNG FARMER'S

64 Block 010302:

65 3025 3038 3058 3060 3061 3062 3064 3065 3072 3073 4024

66 District 002

67 County Wilkes GA

68 VTD 3172A - YOUNG FARMER'S

69 Block 010101:

70 2039 2043 2044 2045 2058 2059 2060 2061 2062 2063 2064 2065

71 2066

72 Block 010301:

73 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1023 1024 1025 1026

74 1028 1029 1040 1042 1048 1049 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2014

75 2015 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040

76 2041 2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052

77 2053 2054 2055 2056 2057 2058 2059 2060 2061 2062 2063 2064

78 2065 2066 2067 2068 2069 2070 2071 2072 2073 2074 2075 2076

79 2077 2078 2079 2083 2084

80 Block 010302:

81 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2023 2027

82 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039

83 3033 3034 3035 3066 3067 3068 3069 3070 3071 4017 4018 4019

84 4020 4021 4022 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4030

85 VTD 3172B - METASVILLE FIRE

86 District 003

87 County Wilkes GA

88 VTD 3173A - EDWARD B POPE

89 VTD 3173B - RAYLE CITY HALL

90 Block 010102:

91 1016 1017 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028

92 1029 1030 1031 1032 1040 1041 1043 1044 1045 1046 1047 1048

93 1051 1052 1055 1056 1057 1058 1059 1060 1061 1062 1063 1064

94 1065 1066 1067 1068 1069 1070 1071 1072 1073 1074 1075 1076

95 1077 1078 2000 2001 2002 2003 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

96 2024 2025 2026 2027 2031 2032 2039

97 Block 010302:

98 1000

99 VTD 3174A - COURTHOUSE

100 Block 010102:

101 1049 1053 1054 1079

102 District 004

103 County Wilkes GA

104 VTD 3173B - RAYLE CITY HALL

105 Block 010102:
106 1033
107 VTD 3174A - COURTHOUSE
108 Block 010101:
109 1047 1053 1054 1056 1057
110 Block 010102:
111 1050
112 Block 010301:
113 1007 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019
114 1020 1021 1022 1027 1030 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037
115 1038 1039 1041 1043 1044 1045 1046 1047 1050 1051 1052 1053
116 1054 1055
117 Block 010302:
118 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4008 4009 5000 5001 5019 5020
119 5021 5022 5023 5024
120 VTD 3174B - TIGNALL SCHOOL