

House Bill 1170

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, LaHood of the 175<sup>th</sup>, and Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, approved  
2 December 21, 1898 (Ga. L. 1898, p. 378), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 February 29, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3852), so as to change the description of the  
4 commissioner districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide  
5 for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to  
6 provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, approved  
11 December 21, 1898 (Ga. L. 1898, p. 378), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
12 February 29, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3852), is amended by revising subsections (d) and (e) of  
13 Section 1 as follows:

14 "(d) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Thomas County is  
15 divided into eight commissioner districts. The eight commissioner districts shall be and  
16 correspond to those eight numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made

17 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Thomas CC Plan Name: ThomasCC-2022  
18 Plan Type: Local'.

19 (e)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

20 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
21 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
22 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
23 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
24 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
25 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

26 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
27 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
28 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
29 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

30 (2) Any part of Thomas County which is not included in any district described in  
31 subsection (d) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
32 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
33 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

34 (3) Any part of Thomas County which is described in subsection (d) of this section as  
35 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
36 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
37 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
38 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
39 Georgia."

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## SECTION 2.

41 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County who are serving as  
42 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such

43 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective  
44 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

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

51 **SECTION 3.**

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

56 **SECTION 4.**

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

## APPENDIX A

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60 User: Thomas CC

61 Plan Name: ThomasCC-2022

62 Plan Type: Local

63 District 001

64 County Thomas GA

65 VTD DOUGLASS

66 Block 960601:

67 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3018 3019 3020

68 Block 960701:

69 1043 1044 2002 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2015

70 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

71 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2035 2036 2037 2039 3012 3020

72 Block 960702:

73 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013

74 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025

75 1026 1027 1030 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1039 2000 2001 2002

76 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2019 2020

77 2021 2030 2031 2032 2033

78 Block 960800:

79 1014 1015 2014 2015

80 VTD FIRE STATION #2

81 Block 960800:

82 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1016 1017 1018 1022 1023 1024

83 1025 1028 1044 1045 1046 1053 1054 1055 1056 1057 1069 1070

84 1071

85 VTD NEW COVENANT

86 Block 960200:

87 1094 1095 1098 1099 1100 1101 1102 1103 1104 1105 1107 1108

88 1109 1110 1111 1112

89 Block 960501:

90 3016 3017 3020

91 Block 960701:

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93 1042 1045 1046 2000 2001 2003 2012 2013 2014

94 Block 960702:

95 1000 1001

96 VTD SCOTT

97 Block 960501:

98 3006 3014 3015 3018 3019 3021

99 Block 960601:

100 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1012 1013 3014 3015

101 3016 3017 3034 3035

102 Block 960702:

103 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3023 3024

104 District 002

105 County Thomas GA

106 VTD DOUGLASS

107 Block 960701:

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116 VTD FIRE STATION #2

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122 Block 961000:

123 3006 3008 3025 3042 3043 3044 3045 3046 3047 3050 3053 3054

124 VTD HARPER

125 Block 960702:

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135 VTD METCALFE

136 VTD RESOURCE CENTER

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 140 County Thomas GA  
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 142 VTD MEIGS  
 143 VTD NEW COVENANT  
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 148 VTD OCHLOCKNEE  
  
 149 District 004  
 150 County Thomas GA  
 151 VTD CENTRAL  
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 154 Block 960502:  
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 157 VTD MERRILLVILLE  
 158 VTD NEW COVENANT  
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 178 County Thomas GA  
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 181 VTD CENTRAL  
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285 VTD RESOURCE CENTER

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