

Senate Bill 465

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the form of government of DeKalb County and fixing the
2 powers and duties of the officers constituting the governing authority of DeKalb County,
3 approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), as amended, so as to change the description
4 of commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
5 continuation in office of current members of the Board of Commissioners; to provide for
6 election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for a referendum, effective
7 dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the form of government of DeKalb County and fixing the powers and
11 duties of the officers constituting the governing authority of DeKalb County, approved
12 April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), as amended, is amended by revising subsections (b),
13 (c), and (d) of Section 2 as follows:

14 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, DeKalb County is
15 divided into seven commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
16 each such district.

(c) Reserved.

(d)(1) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall be and correspond to those seven numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: DeKalb Plan Name: DeKalbCC-SD010-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

(2) For the purposes of such plan:

(A) 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 2020 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 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) 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 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of DeKalb County which is not included in any district described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(4) Any part of DeKalb County which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection 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 2020 for the State of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

"SECTION 3.

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

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

(c) The members for Commissioner Districts 1, 4, 5 and 6 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2024.

(d) The members for Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 7 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026.

(e) Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified."

SECTION 3.

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68 The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided
69 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of DeKalb County for
70 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday
71 after the first Monday in November, 2022 and shall issue the call and conduct that election
72 as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of
73 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date
74 thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed
75 thereon the words:

76 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which provides that the current five district and
77 () NO two super district commissioner seats on the DeKalb County Board of
78 Commissioners be replaced with seven district commissioner seats, with the
79 commissioners currently in and elected to office completing the terms for
80 which they were elected?"

81 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
82 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
83 such question are for approval of the Act, Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall become of
84 full force and effect on January 1, 2023. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not
85 conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall not become
86 effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately
87 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by DeKalb County.
88 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of
89 State.

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SECTION 4.

91 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
92 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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SECTION 5.

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

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APPENDIX A

96 User: DeKalb

97 Plan Name: DeKalbCC-SD010-2022

98 Plan Type: Local

99 District 001

100 County DeKalb GA

101 VTD Ashford Dunwoody Road (BHAVN)

102 VTD Ashford Park Elem (BHAVN)

103 VTD Ashford Parkside (BHAVN)

104 VTD Austin (DUN)

105 VTD Chamblee (CHA)

106 VTD Chamblee 2 (CHA)

107 VTD Chesnut Elem (DUN)

108 VTD Doraville North (DOR)

109 VTD Doraville South (DOR)

110 VTD Dunwoody (DUN)

111 VTD Dunwoody 2 (DUN)

112 VTD Dunwoody Library (DUN)

113 VTD Georgetown (DUN)

114 VTD Huntley Hills Elem (CHA)

115 VTD Kingsley Elem (DUN)

116 VTD Kittredge Elem (BHAVN)

117 VTD Montgomery Elem (BHAVN)

118 VTD Mount Vernon East (DUN)

119 VTD Mt.Vernon West (DUN)

120 VTD North Peachtree (DUN)
121 VTD Oakcliff Elem
122 VTD Peachtree Middle (DUN)
123 VTD Silver Lake (ATL & BHAVN)
124 VTD Tilly Mill Road (DUN)
125 VTD Winters Chapel (DUN)

126 District 002
127 County DeKalb GA
128 VTD Briarlake Elem
129 VTD Clairmont Road
130 VTD Clarkston
131 VTD Coralwood
132 VTD Dresden Elem (CHA)
133 VTD Freedom Middle
134 VTD Hawthorne Elem
135 VTD Henderson Mill
136 VTD Jolly Elem
137 Block 022010:
138 1017 1021 1022 1023 1026 1027 1028
139 Block 022011:
140 1000 1001 1005 1006 1008 1012 1014 1016 2000 2001 2002 2003
141 Block 022015:
142 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 2004 2006 2007 2008 2009
143 2010 2011 2012
144 VTD Lakeside High
145 VTD McLendon

146 VTD Medlock
147 VTD Memorial South
148 VTD Miller - Eldridge L. Miller Elem
149 VTD Montreal (TUC)
150 VTD Northlake
151 VTD Oak Grove Elem
152 VTD Pine Lake (PIN)
153 VTD Rehoboth
154 VTD Rockbridge Elem
155 Block 021906:
156 1012 1013 3008 3010
157 Block 021908:
158 3000 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007
159 Block 021916:
160 2003 2004 2006 2007 2008
161 Block 021917:
162 1000 1001 1002 1003 1015 1016 1017 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004
163 2005 2006 2008 2009
164 VTD Sagamore Hills Elem
165 VTD Shamrock
166 VTD South Hairston
167 VTD Valley Brook

168 District 003
169 County DeKalb GA
170 VTD Briar Vista Elem (UNI & ATL)
171 VTD Briarcliff

172 VTD Briarwood (BHAVN)
173 VTD Brookhaven (BHAVN)
174 VTD Clairemont East (DEC)
175 VTD Clairemont West (DEC)
176 VTD Coan Recreation Center (ATL)
177 Block 020500:
178 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1012
179 Block 020600:
180 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1009 1010 2000 2001 2002
181 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
182 2015 2016
183 VTD Cross Keys High (BHAVN)
184 VTD Druid Hills
185 VTD Emory Road
186 VTD Emory South (UNI & ATL)
187 VTD Epworth (ATL)
188 VTD Fernbank
189 VTD Glennwood (DEC)
190 VTD Harris - Margaret Harris Ed
191 VTD Johnson Estates (ATL)
192 VTD Lavista
193 VTD Lavista Road
194 VTD Lin - Mary Lin Elem (ATL)
195 VTD Montclair Elem (BHAVN)
196 VTD Oakhurst (DEC)
197 VTD Ponce de Leon (DEC)
198 VTD Renfroe Middle (DEC)

199 VTD Scott
200 VTD Skyland (BHAVN)
201 VTD Winnona Park (DEC)
202 VTD Woodward Elem (BHAVN)

203 District 004
204 County DeKalb GA
205 VTD Brockett (TUC)
206 VTD Brockett Elem (TUC)
207 VTD Embry Hills
208 VTD Evansdale Elem
209 VTD Hambrick Elem
210 VTD Hugh Howell (TUC)
211 VTD Idlewood Elem (TUC)
212 VTD Jolly Elem
213 Block 022010:
214 1000 1001 1002 1018 1019 1020
215 Block 022013:
216 1014 2008 2009 2010 2011 2013
217 Block 022015:
218 2000 2001 2002 2003 2005
219 VTD Livsey Elem
220 VTD Midvale Elem (TUC)
221 VTD Midvale Road
222 VTD North Hairston
223 VTD Pleasantdale Road
224 VTD Rock Chapel Elem

225 VTD Rockbridge Elem
226 Block 021906:
227 1002 1005 3012 3013 4008
228 VTD Rockbridge Road
229 VTD Smoke Rise (TUC)
230 VTD South Deshon
231 VTD Stephenson High
232 VTD Stephenson Middle
233 VTD Stone Mill Elem
234 VTD Stone Mountain (STO)
235 VTD Stone Mountain Champion (STO)
236 VTD Stone Mountain Elem
237 VTD Stone Mountain Middle (TUC)
238 VTD Tucker (TUC)
239 VTD Tucker Library (TUC)
240 VTD Warren Tech
241 VTD Wynbrooke Elem

242 District 005
243 County DeKalb GA
244 VTD Allgood Elem
245 VTD Austin Drive
246 VTD Avondale (AVO)
247 VTD Avondale High
248 VTD Bethune Middle
249 VTD Browns Mill Elem
250 VTD Canby Lane Elem

- 251 VTD Chapel Hill Elem
- 252 VTD Columbia Drive
- 253 VTD Covington
- 254 VTD Covington Hwy
- 255 VTD Dunaire Elem
- 256 VTD Flakes Mill Fire Station
- 257 VTD Flat Shoals Parkway
- 258 VTD Glenhaven
- 259 VTD Glenwood Road
- 260 VTD Harris - Narvie J. Harris Elem
- 261 VTD Indian Creek
- 262 VTD Kelley Chapel Road
- 263 VTD King - ML King Jr High
- 264 VTD McWilliams
- 265 VTD North Decatur
- 266 VTD Peachcrest
- 267 VTD Rowland Elem
- 268 VTD Rowland Road
- 269 VTD Shaw Elementary
- 270 VTD Snapfinger Elem
- 271 VTD Snapfinger Road North
- 272 VTD Snapfinger Road South
- 273 VTD Wesley Chapel Library
- 274 VTD Woodridge Elem

- 275 District 006
- 276 County DeKalb GA

277 VTD Bouldercrest Road
278 VTD Boulevard (ATL)
279 VTD Burgess Elem (ATL)
280 VTD Candler
281 VTD Cedar Grove Elem
282 VTD Cedar Grove Middle
283 VTD Cedar Grove South
284 VTD Clifton
285 VTD Coan Recreation Center (ATL)
286 Block 020500:
287 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018
288 1019 2000 2001 2002 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
289 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2027 3004
290 3005 3006
291 VTD Columbia Elem
292 VTD Columbia Middle
293 VTD East Lake (ATL)
294 VTD Flat Shoals
295 VTD Flat Shoals Elem
296 VTD Flat Shoals Library
297 VTD Gresham Road
298 VTD Kelley Lake Elem
299 VTD Knollwood Elem
300 VTD Mathis - Bob Mathis Elem
301 VTD McNair
302 VTD McNair Academy
303 VTD McNair High

304 VTD Meadowview
305 VTD Metropolitan (ATL)
306 VTD Midway Elem
307 VTD Oak View Elem
308 VTD Piney Grove
309 VTD Rainbow Elem
310 VTD Terry Mill
311 VTD Toney Elem
312 VTD Wadsworth

313 District 007
314 County DeKalb GA
315 VTD Candler - Murphey Candler Elem
316 VTD Crossroads
317 VTD Fairington Elem
318 VTD Flat Rock Elem
319 VTD Lithonia (LIT)
320 VTD Lithonia High
321 VTD Marbut Elem
322 VTD Miller Grove
323 VTD Miller Grove High
324 VTD Miller Grove Road
325 VTD Panola
326 VTD Panola Road
327 VTD Panola Way Elem
328 VTD Princeton Elem
329 VTD Redan Elem

- 330 VTD Redan Middle
- 331 VTD Redan Road
- 332 VTD Redan-Trotti Library
- 333 VTD Rock Chapel Road
- 334 VTD Salem Middle
- 335 VTD Shadow Rock Elem
- 336 VTD Stonecrest Library
- 337 VTD Stoneview Elem
- 338 VTD White Oak
- 339 VTD Woodrow Road
- 340 VTD Young Road