Senate Bill 503

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners for Habersham County, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 2077), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4652), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for qualifications and manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a Board of Commissioners for Habersham County, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 2077), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4652), is amended by striking Sections 1 and 2 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Sections 1 and 2 to read as follows:

″SECTION 1.

(a) The Board of Commissioners of Habersham County shall be composed of five members. One member shall be elected from each commission district by the voters of the entire county at large. Any person offering as a candidate to represent a commission district must reside in the commission district from which he or she offers.

(b) For the purpose of electing the members of the board of commissioners, Habersham County shall be divided into five commission districts which shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: haberccsbwk1 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Habersham.

(b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) 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 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Habersham County which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Habersham County which is described in that attachment as being 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 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2.

(a) The members of the board of commissioners who were elected at the general election in November, 1998, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this section. The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in November, 2000, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this section.

(b) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Habersham County from Commission Districts 2 and 3 shall be elected at the time of the general election in November, 2002. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Habersham County from Commission Districts 1, 4, and 5 shall be elected at the time of the general election in November, 2004. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be elected at the time of the November general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(e) All members shall be elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

(f) Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be designated as Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 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 commission districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this section."

SECTION 2.

It shall be the duty of the attorney of the governing authority of Habersham County to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 3.

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

Plan Name: haberccsbwk1 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Habersham

Redistricting Plan Components Report

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Habersham County
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Habersham County
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