House Bill 813 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Hightower of the 68th, Bruce of the 64th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, approved February 15, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 2703), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4494), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, approved February 15, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 2703), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4494), is amended by striking Section 3 and inserting in its place a new Section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3.

(a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the chairperson, Douglas County is divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as "Plan: douglascc-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Douglas Co. User: bak".

(b)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(2) 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 2010 for the

State of Georgia. Any part of Douglas 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of Douglas 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(c) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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.″

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by repealing the attachment thereto containing the former descriptions of commissioner districts which is identified as "Plan Name:douglasccwk2 Plan Type: Local User:staff Administrator:Douglas."

SECTION 3.

It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County are to be elected in the November, 2012, general election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the United States decennial census of 2010. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

SECTION 4.

The Board of Commissioners of Douglas County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

This section and Section 4 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County in 2012 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

SECTION 6.

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

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Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Douglas Co.
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District 001
Douglas County
VTD: 0971273 - TURNER
VTD: 0971274 - ANNETTE WINN SC
VTD: 097729 - GOLDEN METHODIST
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
VTD: 097731 - BEULAH
VTD: 097732 - STEWART

District 002
Douglas County
VTD: 0971270 - COLONIAL HILLS
VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
VTD: 0971276 - DEER LICK
VTD: 097737 - CHESTNUT LOG
VTD: 097784 - FACTORY SHOALS
VTD: 097785 - BOUNDARY WATERS

District 003
Douglas County
VTD: 0971272 - BILL ARP
VTD: 097735 - DORSETT SHOALS
VTD: 097736N - CHAPEL HILL
VTD: 097736S - HOLLY SPRINGS
VTD: 097739 - LUTHERAN CHURCH
VTD: 097740 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

District 004
Douglas County
VTD: 0971258 - MIRROR LAKE ELEM
VTD: 0971259 - WINSTON
VTD: 0971260 - FAIRPLAY M S
VTD: 0971271 - EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH
VTD: 097733 - ARBOR STATION
VTD: 097734 - BRIGHT STAR
VTD: 097738 - ST JULIANS