House Bill 925 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County, approved February 16, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3718), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; 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 of McDuffie County, approved February 16, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2331), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3718), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 3 as follows:

"(a)(1) For the purpose of electing the members of the board, McDuffie County is hereby divided into two commissioner districts. Districts 1 and 2 shall be and correspond to those two numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: mcduffcc-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: McDuffie CC User: SE'.

(2)(A) For the purposes of such plan:

(i) 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 2010 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 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

(ii) 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(B) Any part of McDuffie 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(C) Any part of McDuffie 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.″

SECTION 2.

(a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of McDuffie 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.

(b) Commissioner Districts 1 and 2, as they existed immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1 and 2, 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 so newly described.

SECTION 3.

The Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

If, as of the first date upon which candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary in 2012, implementation of this Act is not permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, then as of such date this Act shall be void and stand repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 5.

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

Plan: mcduffcc-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: McDuffie CC
User: SE

District 001
McDuffie County
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VTD: 189133A - FORT CREEK
VTD: 189133B - DEARING GYM
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VTD: 189138 - SHRINE

District 002
McDuffie County
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VTD: 189139 - WHITEOAK