House Bill 913 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Sims of the 119th, and Anderson of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, approved March 21, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4565), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuance in office of current members; to provide for the 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 the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, approved March 21, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3699), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4565), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 1 as follows:

"(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, with the exception of the board chairperson who shall be elected county wide, Columbia County is divided into four commissioner districts. 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: columbiaccsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Columbia User: Gina'.

(c)(1) 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 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

(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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Any part of Columbia County which is not included in any district described in subsection (b) of this section 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 Columbia County which is described in subsection (b) of this section 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 Columbia 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, 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 3.

The Board of Commissioners of Columbia 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.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Plan: columbiaccsb-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Columbia
User: Gina

District 001
Columbia County
VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN
030106:
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
1012 1013 1014 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 2000 2001 2002 2003
2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
VTD: 073105 - STEVENS CREEK
VTD: 073106 - SAVANNAH RAPIDS
VTD: 073107 - GOSPEL WATER
VTD: 073108 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN
VTD: 073109 - STEVENS CREEK
VTD: 073111 - LAKESIDE MIDDLE
VTD: 073131 - RIVERSIDE BAPTIST
VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST
030309:
3000 3001 4001 4003 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4020
4026
VTD: 073134 - COL CTY MAIN LIBRARY
VTD: 073135 - BIBLE CATHEDRAL
VTD: 073136 - BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY
VTD: 073137 - CHRIST THE KING

District 002
Columbia County
VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH
030302:
4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017
4019 4020 4021 4022 4023
VTD: 073070 - BLANCHARD PARK
VTD: 073074 - MTZ COL FIRE DEPARTMENT
VTD: 073075 - BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY
VTD: 073076 - MARVIN METHODIST
VTD: 073080 - WESTSIDE BAPT CHURCH
VTD: 073085 - TRINITY BAPT CHURCH
VTD: 073090 - ABILENE BAPTIST
VTD: 073100 - AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN
030106:
2016 2017 2018
VTD: 073110 - MTZ COL FIRE HD
VTD: 073115 - MARTINEZ BAPTIST
VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS
030201:
1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015
1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1024 1025 1026 3000 3001 3002
3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014
3015
VTD: 073125 - CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

District 003
Columbia County
VTD: 073015 - LEWIS METHODIST
VTD: 073016 - WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH
030306:
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
VTD: 073050 - BURKS MOUNT FIRE
VTD: 073051 - DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH
VTD: 073060 - COL CTY BOARD
VTD: 073061 - GREENBRIER HIGH
VTD: 073062 - PARKWAY BAPT CHURCH
VTD: 073063 - RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY
VTD: 073064 - GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
VTD: 073065 - EVANS SANCTIFIED
VTD: 073120 - GOLD CROSS EMS
030306:
2000
VTD: 073130 - WEST ACRES BAPTIST
VTD: 073132 - WESLEY METHODIST
030308:
1005 1022 1023

District 004
Columbia County
VTD: 073010 - KIOKEE BAPT CHURCH
VTD: 073020 - HARLEM MIDDLE SCHOOL
VTD: 073021 - HARLEM BAPTIST
VTD: 073025 - BESSIE THOMAS
VTD: 073026 - PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
VTD: 073030 - GROVETOWN CITY

VTD: 073031 - GROVETOWN METHODIST
VTD: 073032 - G A APOSTOLIC CHURCH
VTD: 073033 - GROVETOWN MIDDLE
VTD: 073040 - EUBANK/BLANCHARD