House Bill 447 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Epps of the 144th, and Pruett of the 149th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Laurens County, approved December 1, 1893 (Ga. L. 1893, p. 362), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3905), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; 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 Laurens County, approved December 1, 1893 (Ga. L. 1893, p. 362), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 of said Act and inserting in their place the following:

"(a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Laurens County is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The five commissioner districts 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: laurensccR-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Laurens CC User: SE'.

(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 Laurens 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 Laurens 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 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.″

SECTION 2.

The Board of Commissioners of Laurens County which existed on December 31, 2013, is continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2014, shall be constituted as provided in this Act. The Board of Commissioners of Laurens County so continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the "board," shall continue to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1, 2014.

SECTION 3.

It shall be the duty of the governing authority of Laurens County to require the attorney therefor to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. If, as of the first date upon which candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary in 2014, 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 4.

The provisions of this section and Section 3 of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2014 of members of the Board of Commissioners of Laurens County shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2014.

SECTION 5.

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

Plan: laurensccR-2012
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Administrator: Laurens CC
User: SE

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