

House Bill 1115

By: Representative Benton of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Commerce, approved April 4, 1991
2 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4042), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts
3 for the Commerce Independent School District; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to
4 provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for an effective date; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Commerce, approved April 4, 1991
9 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4042), as amended, is amended by revising paragraph (40) of subsection (b)
10 of Section 1.12 to add a new subparagraph to read as follows:

11 "(E.1)(i) For the purpose of electing all five members of the board of education of the
12 city, the independent school district is divided into five districts. One member of the
13 board of education shall be elected from each district. These districts shall be and
14 correspond to those five numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and
15 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: City of Commerce Plan Name:
16 CommerceCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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- 17 (ii) For the purposes of such plan:
- 18 (I) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
- 19 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
- 20 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a
- 21 district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe
- 22 individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the
- 23 Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and
- 24 (II) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
- 25 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
- 26 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
- 27 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.
- 28 (iii) Any part of the independent school district of the City of Commerce which is not
- 29 included in any district described in division (i) of this subparagraph shall be included
- 30 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
- 31 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.
- 32 (iv) Any part of the independent school district of the City of Commerce which is
- 33 described in division (i) of this subparagraph as being included in a particular district
- 34 shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous
- 35 to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district
- 36 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
- 37 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

38 **SECTION 2.**

- 39 (a) The members of the board of education of the independent school district of the City of
- 40 Commerce serving in office on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill
- 41 a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve until the expiration of the terms for
- 42 which they were selected and until their successors are elected and qualified.

43 (b) Education Districts 1 through 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of
44 this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1 through 5, respectively, but
45 as newly described under this Act; and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such
46 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be
47 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

48 **SECTION 3.**

49 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

50 **SECTION 4.**

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

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APPENDIX A

53 User: City of Commerce

54 Plan Name: CommerceCCSB-2022

55 Plan Type: Local

56 District 001

57 County Jackson GA

58 VTD North Jackson

59 Block 010300:

60 2001 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2012 2030 3009 3010 3011

61 3012 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017 3018 3019 3027 3028 3029 3030

62 3031 3033 4041 4042 4043 4044 4045 4046 4047 4048 4049 4050

63 4054 4055

64 Block 010400:

65 4010

66 District 002

67 County Jackson GA

68 VTD North Jackson

69 Block 010300:

70 3023 3026

71 Block 010400:

72 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1009 1010 1022 1023 1024

73 2019 3015 3016 3025 3027 3028 3029 3031 3032 3033 3037 3058

74 3059 3060 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009

75 4014 4030 4031 4032 4033 4034 4035 4036 4037 4038 4039 4040

76 4041 4063 4064 4068

77 District 003

78 County Jackson GA

79 VTD North Jackson

80 Block 010300:

81 2011 2014 2015 2016 2017 2021 2022 2023 2024 2026 2027 2028

82 2029

83 Block 010400:

84 2000 2003 2004 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2014 2015 2018

85 2020 2021 2037 3017 4011 4012 4013 4015 4016 4017 4018 4019

86 4020 4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4042 4043

87 4044 4045 4046 4047 4048 4049 4050 4051 4052 4053 4054 4055

88 4056 4057 4058 4059 4060 4061 4062 4065 4066 4067 4069 4070

89 4071 4072 4073 4074

90 District 004

91 County Jackson GA

92 VTD North Jackson

93 Block 010200:

94 2041 2046 2049 2051 2061

95 Block 010300:

96 1006 1007 1009 1015 1017 1020 1021 1028 1030 1037 1038 1039

97 1041 1042 1043 1044 1045 1047 1049 1051 1052 1053 1058 1060

98 1061 1062 1064 1065 1066 1067 1068 1069 1070 1071 1072 1076

99 1079 1084 1085 1087 1088 1090 1092 1095 1096 1097 1098 1100

100 1105 1109 1113 1115 1118 1119 1121 1123 1125 1128 1129 1130

101 1132 1133 1134 1135 1140 1145 2000 2002 2003 2004 2013 2018
102 2019 2020 2025 2031 2032 4001 4002 4035 4053
103 Block 010400:
104 2001 2002 2024 2025 2028 2029 2030 2035 3023 3077

105 District 005
106 County Jackson GA
107 VTD North Jackson
108 Block 010300:
109 3001 3002 3008 4003 4004 4007 4011 4015 4016 4019 4020 4022
110 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4030 4031 4032 4033 4034 4038
111 4039 4040 4051 4052 4056 4058 4060