

House Bill 1202 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Dukes of the 154th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Baker County, approved August 8,
2 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 306), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office
4 of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Baker County, approved August 8, 1917 (Ga.
9 L. 1917, p. 306), as amended, is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

10 "SECTION 4.

11 (a) The members of said board of commissioners shall be elected from the districts
12 provided for in subsection (b) of this section. One commissioner shall be elected from each
13 district but shall be elected by the voters of the entire county. The candidate from each
14 district receiving the highest number of votes in the entire county shall be elected as the
15 commissioner from such district. The commissioners so elected shall hold office for four

16 years and until his successor is elected and qualified. They shall be elected at the same
17 time other county officers are elected.

18 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Baker County is
19 divided into five districts. Such districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered
20 districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further
21 identified as 'User: Baker Co. Plan Name: BakerCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

22 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

23 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
24 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
25 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
26 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
27 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
28 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

29 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
30 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
31 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
32 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

33 (2) Any part of Baker County which is not included in any district described in
34 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
35 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
36 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

37 (3) Any part of Baker County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as
38 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
39 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
40 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
41 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of
42 Georgia.

43 (d) Vacancies on the board of commissioners shall be filled as provided by general law."

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SECTION 2.

45 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Baker County who are serving as such
46 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
47 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms
48 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

49 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
50 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,
51 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this
52 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be
53 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
54 under this Act.

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SECTION 3.

56 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
57 Commissioners of Baker County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this
58 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
59 provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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SECTION 4.

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

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APPENDIX A

63 User: Baker Co.

64 Plan Name: BakerCCSB-2022

65 Plan Type: Local

66 District 001

67 County Baker GA

68 VTD ELMODEL

69 Block 960200:

70 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1052 1069 1074 1075

71 VTD MILFORD

72 Block 960200:

73 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019

74 1020 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032

75 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1041 1067 1070 1073

76 VTD NEWTON

77 Block 960100:

78 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

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86 District 002
 87 County Baker GA
 88 VTD ANNA
 89 VTD ELMODEL
 90 Block 960100:
 91 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2016 2022 2023 2027
 92 2032 2034 2069
 93 Block 960200:
 94 1049 1050 1053 1054 1057 1058 1079
 95 VTD HOGGARDS MILL
 96 Block 960100:
 97 2013 2014
 98 Block 960200:
 99 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2051 2066
 100 VTD MILFORD
 101 Block 960200:
 102 1021 1038 1039 1040 1047 1068

 103 District 003
 104 County Baker GA
 105 VTD ELMODEL
 106 Block 960100:
 107 1098 1099 1100 1106 2003 2004 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021
 108 Block 960200:
 109 1051 1072
 110 VTD NEWTON
 111 Block 960100:

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 114 1148 1150 1151 2002 2030 2031

115 District 004

116 County Baker GA

117 VTD NEWTON

118 Block 960100:

119 1080 1081 1108 1109 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121 1122 1123
 120 1124 1125 1126 1127 1128 1129 1130 1131 1132 1133 1134 1135
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 122 2029 2041 2042 2043 2048 2049 2062

123 District 005

124 County Baker GA

125 VTD HOGGARDS MILL

126 Block 960100:

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129 Block 960200:

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133 VTD NEWTON

134 Block 960100:

135 2024 2037 2038 2039 2040 2044 2045 2046 2047 2050 2063 2068