

House Bill 959 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Smith of the 133rd, Smith of the 134th, and Buckner of the 137th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act relating to the Board of Commissioners of Harris County, approved
2 March 17, 1869 (Ga. L. 1869, p. 170), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 February 27, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3677), so as to change the description of the
4 commissioner districts; to provide definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation
5 in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act relating to the Board of Commissioners of Harris County, approved March 17, 1869
10 (Ga. L. 1869, p. 170), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012
11 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3677), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Harris County is
14 divided into five commissioner districts. The five commissioner districts shall be and
15 correspond to those five numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made

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16 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Harris CC Plan Name: HarrisCC-2022
17 Plan Type: Local'.

18 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

29 (2) Any part of Harris County which is not included in any district described in
30 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
31 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
32 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

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

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SECTION 2.

40 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Harris County who are serving as
41 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such

42 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
43 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

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

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SECTION 3.

51 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
52 Commissioners of Harris County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this
53 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining
54 provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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SECTION 4.

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

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APPENDIX A

58 User: Harris CC

59 Plan Name: HarrisCC-2022

60 Plan Type: Local

61 District 001

62 County Harris GA

63 VTD ELLERSLIE

64 Block 120404:

65 2019 2022 2026

66 VTD HAMILTON

67 Block 120200:

68 2026 2027 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2048 2050 2052

69 2053

70 Block 120301:

71 2000 2002 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2014 2015 2016

72 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2023 2028 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044

73 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2053 2054 2055 2056

74 2057 2058 2059 2060 2061 2062 2064 2065 2066 2067 2068 2069

75 2070 2071 2072 2073 2074 2075 2076 2077 2078 2079 2080 2083

76 2084 2085 2086 2087 2088 2089 2090 2092 2093 2095

77 VTD PINE MOUNTAIN VALLEY

78 VTD VALLEY PLAINS

79 VTD WAVERLY HALL

80 Block 120200:

81 1059 1060 1061 1062 1067 1068 1069 1070 1071 1072 1073 1081

82 2030 2031 2049

83 Block 120404:

84 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 85 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023
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92 District 002

93 County Harris GA

94 VTD GOODMAN

95 VTD HAMILTON

96 Block 120198:

97 4049 4050 4051 4052 4053 4059 4060 4061 4062 5049

98 Block 120301:

99 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1007 1008 1009 2011 2012 2013 2022
 100 2024 2025 2026 2027 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036
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102 VTD SKINNER

103 VTD UPPER 19TH

104 Block 120198:

105 1059 1074

106 Block 120301:

107 1010 1011 1016 1017 1018 1021 1022 1023 1024 1028 1030 1031
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 109 1050 1051 1052 1053

110 Block 120302:
 111 2012 2013 2014 2015 2020 2030 3008 3009 3027
 112 VTD WHITESVILLE

 113 District 003
 114 County Harris GA
 115 VTD LOWER 19TH
 116 VTD MULBERRY GROVE
 117 Block 120302:
 118 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 3001
 119 3021 3022 3023 3024
 120 Block 120401:
 121 2022 3015 3016 3017
 122 VTD UPPER 19TH
 123 Block 120302:
 124 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
 125 2016 2017 2018 2019 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028
 126 2029 3000 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3014 3015 3025 3026
 127 3033

 128 District 004
 129 County Harris GA
 130 VTD CATAULA
 131 VTD ELLERSLIE
 132 Block 120401:
 133 1008 1009 1012 1013
 134 Block 120404:
 135 2020

136 VTD HAMILTON
 137 Block 120301:
 138 1005 1006 1036 1037 1038 1039 1040 1041 2081 2082 2091
 139 Block 120401:
 140 3000 3001 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3019 3020 3023 3025
 141 Block 120404:
 142 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3006 3014 3015
 143 VTD MULBERRY GROVE
 144 Block 120401:
 145 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
 146 2020 2021 3013 3014 3018
 147 VTD WAVERLY HALL
 148 Block 120404:
 149 3005 3007 3008 3042

 150 District 005
 151 County Harris GA
 152 VTD ELLERSLIE
 153 Block 120401:
 154 1010 1011
 155 Block 120403:
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 157 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021
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165 VTD WAVERLY HALL

166 Block 120403:

167 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012

168 Block 120404:

169 2000 2001 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032