

Senate Bill 384

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th and Burns of the 23rd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, approved
2 March 21, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3707), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3996), so as to change the description of the commissioner
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuance in office
5 of current members; to provide effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, approved March 21, 1980
10 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3707), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012
11 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3996), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 1 as
12 follows:

13 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, with the exception of the board
14 chairperson who shall be elected county wide, Columbia County is divided into four
15 commissioner districts. The four commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those
16 four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act

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17 and further identified as 'User: Columbia Co. Plan Name: columbiaccsb-2022 Plan Type:
18 Local'.

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

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2.

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

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

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

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SECTION 3.

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

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SECTION 4.

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

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APPENDIX A

59 User: Columbia Co.

60 Plan Name: columbiaccsb-2022

61 Plan Type: Local

62 District 001

63 County Columbia GA

64 VTD AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

65 VTD BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY

66 VTD CHRIST CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

67 VTD CHRIST THE KING CH

68 VTD COL CTY MAIN LIBRARY

69 VTD GENESIS CHURCH

70 VTD GOSPEL WATER BRANCH

71 VTD JOURNEY COMM. CHURCH

72 VTD LAKESIDE MIDDLE

73 VTD MARTINEZ BAPTIST

74 VTD MTZ COL FIRE HDQTR.

75 VTD RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

76 VTD STEVENS CREEK CHURCH

77 VTD STEVENS CREEK ELEM

78 VTD WESLEY METHODIST

79 District 002

80 County Columbia GA

81 VTD ABILENE BAPTIST

- 82 VTD BELAIR BAPTIST CHURCH
- 83 VTD BLANCHARD PARK
- 84 VTD CHRIST SANCTIFIED
- 85 VTD CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
- 86 VTD G A APOSTOLIC CHURCH
- 87 VTD GOLD CROSS EMS
- 88 VTD GROVETOWN METHODIST
- 89 Block 030508:
- 90 3001 3006 3008
- 91 VTD LEWIS METHODIST
- 92 VTD MARVIN METHODIST
- 93 VTD MTZ COL FIRE DEPT #4
- 94 VTD NEW LIFE CHURCH
- 95 Block 030312:
- 96 2002 2003 2004 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
- 97 VTD PATRIOTS PARK
- 98 Block 030312:
- 99 2001
- 100 VTD TRINITY BAPT CHURCH
- 101 VTD WESTSIDE BAPT CHURCH
- 102 VTD WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

- 103 District 003
- 104 County Columbia GA
- 105 VTD COL CTY BOARD OF EDU
- 106 VTD DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH
- 107 VTD EUBANK/BLANCHARD CTR

108 Block 030401:
 109 1000 1001 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012
 110 Block 030403:
 111 2012
 112 Block 030404:
 113 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1008 1009 1012
 114 VTD GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
 115 VTD GREENBRIER HIGH
 116 VTD NEW LIFE CHURCH
 117 Block 030403:
 118 2018 2019 2020 2022 2023 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009
 119 4010 4011 4012 4014 4019 4020 4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026
 120 4027 4028 4029 4030 4031 4032 4033 4034
 121 VTD PATRIOTS PARK
 122 Block 030304:
 123 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
 124 2015 2016 2017 3003 3004 3005 3010 3011 4005 4016 4017 4018
 125 4019
 126 Block 030403:
 127 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011
 128 3012 3013 4000 4001 4002 4013 4015 4016 4017 4018
 129 VTD REDEEMER CHURCH
 130 VTD SECOND MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 131 VTD WEST ACRES BAPTIST

 132 District 004
 133 County Columbia GA

134 VTD BESSIE THOMAS CENTER
 135 VTD EUBANK/BLANCHARD CTR
 136 Block 030404:
 137 1006 1007 1010 1011
 138 VTD GROVETOWN METHODIST
 139 Block 030505:
 140 3020
 141 Block 030507:
 142 1010 3000 3017
 143 Block 030508:
 144 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 145 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023
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 150 VTD GROVETOWN MIDDLE SCH
 151 VTD HARLEM BRANCH LIBRARY
 152 VTD KIOKEE BAPT CHURCH
 153 VTD LIBERTY PARK
 154 VTD PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
 155 VTD WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH-GROVETOWN