A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners in and for Miller County, approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4594), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999, (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4442), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a board of commissioners in and for Miller County, approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4594), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999, (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4442), is amended by revising Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

"SECTION 2.

(a) The Board of Commissioners of Miller County shall consist of five members. For the purpose of electing such members, Miller County shall be divided into five districts. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: millerccsb-p2-2016 Plan Type: local Administrator: miller User: bak.'

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

(A) The term 'VTD' 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. 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; and
(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Any part of Miller County which is not included in any district described in
subsection (a) of this section 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 Miller County which is described in subsection (a) of this section as
being included 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.

(c) There shall be one member of the board from each district. Each member shall be a
resident of his or her respective district for at least one year immediately preceding the date
of the election. A candidate shall designate the district from which such candidate offers
for election. Beginning with the November, 2020, general election and in subsequent
elections, members of the board shall be elected by qualified electors of Miller County.
The election of members of the board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions
of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

SECTION 3.

(a) The members of the board elected in the November, 2016, general election shall
continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until their successors are
elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board elected in the
November, 2018, general election shall continue in office for the terms to which they were
elected and until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

(b) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Miller County from
Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected in the November, 2020, general election. Such
members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
until their successors are elected and qualified.

(c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Miller County from
Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected in the November, 2022, general election. Such members
shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their
successors are elected and qualified.
(d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be elected in the November general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(e) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2019, shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this section."

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the 2020 regular election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Miller County shall become effective January 1, 2020; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2021.

SECTION 3.

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