

House Bill 548 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Golick of the 40th, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th, Parsons of the 44th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931
2 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1965
3 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 3023), so as to change the description of the wards; to provide for definitions
4 and inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for the continuation in office
5 of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under Section
6 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Smyrna, approved August 27, 1931
11 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 955), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1965
12 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 3023), is amended by revising Section 6-A as follows:

13 "SECTION 6-A.

14 (a)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the council, the City of Smyrna shall be
15 divided into seven wards which shall be and correspond to those seven numbered districts
16 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
17 'Plan: smyrnacc-2013 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Smyrna User: Gina'. In the
18 event that any territory is hereafter annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Smyrna,
19 it shall be added to the ward to which it is contiguous; provided, however, that, if such
20 territory is contiguous to two or more wards, such territory shall be apportioned equitably
21 by the mayor and council to such contiguous wards.

22 (2) 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 2010 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 2010 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 2010 for the State of Georgia.

33 (3) Any part of the City of Smyrna which is not included in any district described in
 34 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such
 35 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
 36 of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

37 (4) Any part of the City of Smyrna which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection
 38 as 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 2010 for the State of
 42 Georgia."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 6(c) in its entirety.

45 **SECTION 3.**

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

50 (b) Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as they existed immediately prior to the effective date of this
 51 Act, shall continue to be designated as Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as
 52 newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members
 53 of the council serving from those former wards shall be deemed to be serving from and
 54 representing their respective wards as newly described under this Act.

55 **SECTION 4.**

56 The governing authority of the City of Smyrna shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
 57 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,
 58 no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or
 59 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 5.

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

Plan: smyrnacc-2013
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Smyrna
User: Gina

District 001
Cobb County
VTD: 067SN1A - SMYRNA 1A
VTD: 067SN2A - SMYRNA 2A
031208:
1016

District 002
Cobb County
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District 003
Cobb County
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District 005
Cobb County
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District 006
Cobb County
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District 007
Cobb County
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