

House Bill 1143 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Cantrell of the 22nd, Byrd of the 20th, Carson of the 46th, and Thomas of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Cherokee County, approved
2 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4044), so as to revise the districts for the election of members
4 of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
5 manner of election; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; 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 a board of commissioners of Cherokee County, approved March 30, 1989
10 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012
11 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4044), is amended by revising subsections (a) through (e) of Section 2 as
12 follows:

13 "(a) The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County shall consist of five members. One
14 of the members shall be the chairperson and shall be elected by a majority of the registered
15 voters of the county voting in the election. Each candidate for the other four positions shall
16 be a resident of the commissioner district created by this section which such person offers

17 to represent and shall be elected by a majority vote of the voters of such commissioner
18 district voting in the election.

19 (b) For the purpose of electing the four district commissioners, Cherokee County is
20 divided into four commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four
21 numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and
22 further identified as 'User: Cherokee CC Plan Name: CherokeeCC-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 (e) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County who are serving
51 as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any
52 such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their
53 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective
54 successors."

55 **SECTION 2.**

56 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
57 Commissioners of Cherokee 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.

60 **SECTION 3.**

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

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APPENDIX A

63 User: Cherokee CC

64 Plan Name: CherokeeCC-2022

65 Plan Type: Local

66 District 001

67 County Cherokee GA

68 VTD BALL GROUND

69 VTD CANTON

70 VTD CLAYTON

71 VTD CONNS CREEK

72 VTD FREEHOME

73 VTD HIGHTOWER

74 VTD MACEDONIA

75 VTD R M MOORE

76 VTD R T JONES

77 VTD SALACOA

78 VTD UNIVETER

79 VTD WALESKA

80 District 002

81 County Cherokee GA

82 VTD AIR ACRES

83 VTD ARNOLD MILL

84 VTD AVERY

85 VTD BRADSHAW

86 VTD HICKORY FLAT
87 VTD LITTLE RIVER
88 VTD MOUNTAIN ROAD
89 VTD NEESE
90 VTD UNION HILL
91 VTD WOODLANDS
92 VTD WOODSTOCK
93 Block 091001:
94 2000

95 District 003

96 County Cherokee GA

97 VTD BASCOMB

98 VTD BRIDGEMILL

99 VTD HOLLY SPRINGS

100 VTD LIBERTY

101 VTD SIXES

102 VTD SUTALLEE

103 VTD TEASLEY

104 VTD TOONIGH

105 VTD VICTORIA

106 VTD WILDCAT

107 District 004

108 County Cherokee GA

109 VTD BELLS

110 VTD BOOTH

111 VTD CARMEL
 112 VTD DEER RUN
 113 VTD DIXIE
 114 VTD HILLSIDE
 115 VTD KELLOGG
 116 VTD OAK GROVE
 117 VTD ROSECREEK
 118 VTD WOODSTOCK
 119 Block 090909:
 120 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 121 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 2000 2001 2002 2003
 122 2004
 123 Block 090910:
 124 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018
 125 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
 126 Block 091001:
 127 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 128 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 2001 2002 2003 2004
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