

House Bill 1204 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Greene of the 151<sup>st</sup>, and Hopson of the 153<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Dougherty County, approved  
2 March 4, 1941 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 834), as amended, so as to change the description of the  
3 commission districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
4 in office of certain current board members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a board of commissioners of Dougherty County, approved March 4, 1941  
9 (Ga. L. 1941, p. 834), as amended, is amended by deleting subsection (c) of Section 1 and  
10 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(c) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the  
12 chairperson, Dougherty County is divided into six commission districts. One member of  
13 the board shall be elected from each such district. The six commission districts shall be  
14 and correspond to those six numbered districts established pursuant to the final order  
15 entered on April 23, 2004, in *Knighton v. Dougherty County*, Case Number  
16 1:02-CV-130-2(WLS), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, but

17 as modified by the descriptions in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and  
18 further identified as 'User: Dougherty Co. Plan Name: DoughertyCCSB-2022 Plan Type:  
19 Local'.

20 (d)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

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

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 (a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County who are serving  
43 as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such  
44 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective  
45 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

46 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the  
47 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3,  
48 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective  
49 date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts  
50 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly  
51 described under this Act.

52 **SECTION 3.**

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

57 **SECTION 4.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

60 User: Dougherty Co.

61 Plan Name: DoughertyCCSB-2022

62 Plan Type: Local

63 District 001

64 County Dougherty GA

65 VTD 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

66 VTD CHRIST CHURCH

67 VTD DARTON COLLEGE

68 Block 010401:

69 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2017 2018 2019 2020 3024 3026 3027

70 VTD GREENBRIAR CHURCH

71 VTD WESTOVER HIGH SCHOOL

72 Block 000501:

73 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 3000

74 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012

75 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017

76 Block 000502:

77 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

78 1012 1013 1014 1015 4000 4001 4006 4007 4008 4021

79 District 002

80 County Dougherty GA

81 VTD ALICE COACHMAN

82 VTD BILL MILLER CENTER

83 VTD CARVER TEEN CENTER

84 Block 001403:

85 1002 2021 2025 2026 2032 2033 2037

86 Block 001500:

87 2003 2004 2005 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

88 2021 2022 2023 2024 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017 3018 3019 3020

89 3021 3022 3023

90 VTD LAMAR REESE ELEM

91 VTD LOVETT HALL

92 Block 010701:

93 1004

94 Block 010702:

95 2002 2003 2004 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

96 2017 2018 2019 2020

97 VTD MT ZION CENTER

98 VTD RADIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL

99 Block 010702:

100 1033 1034 1035 1036

101 Block 010900:

102 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

103 1012 1013 1014 1015 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1027

104 1028 1029 1030 1031 1037 1038 1039 1040 1041 1042 1043 1044

105 1045 1046 1047 1050 1055 1056 1057 1058 1061

106 District 003

107 County Dougherty GA

108 VTD ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL

109 VTD JACKSON HEIGHTS

110 VTD LOVETT HALL

111 Block 010702:

112 1008 1009 2000 2001 2005 2006 2007

113 VTD PALMYRA RD METHODIST

114 Block 000700:

115 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

116 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023

117 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035

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121 1072

122 Block 010302:

123 3007

124 Block 011200:

125 1030

126 Block 011300:

127 1002 1004 1005 1006 1007 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016

128 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1036 1037 1038 1039

129 1040 1041 1042 1043 1044 1053 1054 1060 1061 1062 1063 2000

130 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

131 2013 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034

132 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040 2041 2042

133 VTD PHOEBE EDUCATION

134 VTD SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

135 Block 000800:

136 2002

137 Block 001403:

138 1000 1001 1022 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

139 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

140 2022 2023 2024 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2034 2035 2036 3001

141 3002 3004 3006 3007 3010 3011 3012

142 Block 011400:

143 2003 2004 2005 2006 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

144 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044

145 2045 2052 2053 2054 2057 2058 2062 2063 2064 2065 2066 2067

146 2068 2069 2070 2072 2073

147 District 004

148 County Dougherty GA

149 VTD COVENANT CHURCH

150 VTD DARTON COLLEGE

151 Block 001000:

152 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

153 2013 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024

154 VTD MERRY ACRES MIDDLE

155 VTD PALMYRA RD METHODIST

156 Block 011300:

157 1000 1001 1003 1008 1009 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

158 2021 2022 2023

159 VTD SHERWOOD ELEM SCHOOL

160 VTD WESTOVER HIGH SCHOOL

161 Block 000502:

162 1016 1017 1018 1023 1024 1026

163 District 005

164 County Dougherty GA

165 VTD 2ND MT ZION CHURCH

166 VTD CARVER TEEN CENTER

167 Block 001500:

168 1015 1016 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 2000 2001 2002 2006 2007

169 2008 2009 2010 2011 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007

170 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012

171 Block 011400:

172 1025 1026 1027

173 VTD DARTON COLLEGE

174 Block 000900:

175 2025 2028 2029 2030

176 Block 001000:

177 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

178 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023

179 1024 1025 2012 2014 2015 2016 2017 2023 2025 2026 2027 2028

180 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036

181 Block 010402:

182 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1014 1015

183 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

184 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

185 VTD LITMAN CATHEDRAL

186 VTD SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

187 Block 001500:



188 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011  
189 1012 1013 1014 1017 1018  
190 Block 011400:  
191 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015  
192 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024  
193 VTD WESTTOWN ELEM SCHOOL

194 District 006  
195 County Dougherty GA  
196 VTD INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
197 VTD PHOEBE EAST  
198 VTD PINE BLUFF BAPT CHURCH  
199 VTD PUTNEY 1ST BAPTIST  
200 VTD RADIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL  
201 Block 010900:  
202 1032 1033  
203 VTD TURNER ELEM SCHOOL