

House Bill 881 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115<sup>th</sup> and Kirby of the 114<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved  
2 August 1, 1929 (Ga. L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3920), so as to change the description of the commissioner  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for qualifications of members;  
5 to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms  
6 of office of subsequent members; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;  
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Walton County, approved August 1, 1929  
11 (Ga. L. 1929, p. 747), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 5, 2012  
12 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3920), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.

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

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16 office, shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their  
17 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
18 successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of Commissioners of  
19 Walton County shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be elected from  
20 commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section and a chairperson who  
21 is elected at large as provided in this Act.

22 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, other than the  
23 chairperson, Walton County shall be divided into six commissioner districts. One member  
24 of the board shall be elected from each such district. The six commissioner districts shall  
25 be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made  
26 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Walton CC Plan Name: WaltonCC-2022  
27 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

39 (2) Any part of Walton County which is not included in any such district described in  
40 that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which  
41 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for  
42 the State of Georgia.

43 (3) Any part of Walton County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as  
44 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
45 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
46 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
47 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
48 Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any commissioner district,  
49 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
50 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
51 decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

52 (d) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office  
53 pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law applicable to that  
54 office.

55 (e) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a person  
56 must be a resident of that commissioner district and must receive the number of votes cast  
57 as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only electors who are  
58 residents of that commissioner district may vote for a member of the board for that district.  
59 At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from a commissioner  
60 district, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which  
61 that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from  
62 a commissioner district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of  
63 office or that office shall become vacant.

64 (f) The chairperson of the board may reside anywhere within Walton County and, if  
65 elected, must receive the number of votes cast for that office as required by general law in  
66 the entire county. The chairperson must continue to reside within the county during that  
67 person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

68 (g) All future successors to the chairperson and the members of the board whose terms of  
69 office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election

70 immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of  
71 January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four  
72 years each. The chairperson and the members of the board shall serve for their terms of  
73 office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

74 (h) The chairperson and all members of the board who are elected thereto shall be  
75 nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the  
76 'Georgia Election Code.'

77 (i) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the  
78 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner  
79 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and  
80 after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former  
81 commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective  
82 districts as newly described under this Act."

83 **SECTION 2.**

84 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of  
85 Commissioners of Walton County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this  
86 Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining  
87 provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

88 **SECTION 3.**

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

## 90 APPENDIX A

91 User: Walton CC

92 Plan Name: WaltonCC-2022

93 Plan Type: Local

94 District 001

95 County Walton GA

96 VTD BAY CREEK

97 VTD BOLD SPRINGS

98 Block 110101:

99 1000 1005 1006 1008 1009 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2011  
 100 2012 2013 2025 2027

101 Block 110505:

102 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011  
 103 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

104 VTD LOGANVILLE NORTH

105 District 002

106 County Walton GA

107 VTD LOGANVILLE SOUTH

108 VTD TARA

109 VTD WEST WALTON

110 District 003  
 111 County Walton GA  
 112 VTD BETWEEN  
 113 VTD BROKEN ARROW  
 114 VTD WALNUT GROVE

115 District 004  
 116 County Walton GA  
 117 VTD BLASINGAME  
 118 VTD GOOD HOPE  
 119 Block 110200:  
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 128 Block 110302:  
 129 2024  
 130 VTD JERSEY  
 131 VTD MOUNTAIN  
 132 Block 110102:  
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 134 Block 110200:

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 141 VTD WHATLEY

142 District 005

143 County Walton GA

144 VTD BOLD SPRINGS

145 Block 110101:

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149 VTD GRATIS

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156 VTD NORTH MONROE

157 Block 110400:

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 174 VTD WALKER PARK  
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186 District 006  
 187 County Walton GA  
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