

Senate Bill 559

By: Senator Burns of the 23rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Thomson, approved March 15, 1973  
2 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2132), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012  
3 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3828), so as to change the description of the election districts for the  
4 members of the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the  
5 continuation in office of the current members; to provide for related matters; 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 new charter for the City of Thomson, approved March 15, 1973  
10 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2132), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012  
11 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3828), is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 2.03 as  
12 follows:

13 "(a) For the purpose of electing the members of the city council, the City of Thomson is  
14 divided into three districts which shall be and correspond to those three numbered districts  
15 described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as  
16 'User: Thomson City Council Plan Name: ThomsonCityCouncil-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

28 (2) Any part of the City of Thomson which is not included in any district described in  
29 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
30 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
31 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

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

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## SECTION 2.

39 (a) Those members of the city council of the City of Thomson who are serving as such on  
40 the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
41 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
42 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

43 (b) Districts 1, 2, and 3, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall  
44 continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, and 3, respectively, but as newly described under  
45 this section, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the city council  
46 serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
47 respective districts as newly described under this Act.

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**SECTION 3.**

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

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APPENDIX A

51 User: Thomson City Council

52 Plan Name: ThomsonCityCouncil-2022

53 Plan Type: Local

54 District 001

55 County McDuffie GA

56 VTD SWEETWATER ACTIVITY CENTER

57 Block 950300:

58 1052 1053 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

59 2010 2011 2012 2013 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

60 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034

61 Block 950401:

62 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

63 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1044 1045 1051 1052 1057

64 1058 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

65 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2022 2027

66 Block 950402:

67 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024 2026 2030 2031 2032 2033

68 VTD THOMSON DEPOT

69 Block 950200:

70 4018 4019 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029

71 Block 950402:

72 2025 3001 3002 3005 3006 3007

73 VTD VANDERHORST

74 Block 950300:

75 1055  
76 Block 950401:  
77 1012 1013 1014 1015 1019 1020 1041 1042 1043 1046 1047 1048  
78 1049 1050  
  
79 District 002  
80 County McDuffie GA  
81 VTD MARSHALL CHURCH  
82 Block 950200:  
83 2025 2026  
84 VTD QUEEN OF ANGELS  
85 Block 950200:  
86 1012 1018 1019 1022 1031 1032 1034 1035 1043  
87 Block 950300:  
88 1048 3015  
89 VTD THOMSON DEPOT  
90 Block 950200:  
91 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2035 2036 2038 2039 3011  
92 3018 3020 3021 3022 3023 3025 3026 3028 3029 3030 3031 3032  
93 3033 3034 3035 3037 3038 3039 3047 3048 3049 3050 3051 3052  
94 3061 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012  
95 4013 4014 4017  
96 VTD VANDERHORST  
97 Block 950200:  
98 1023 1024 1028 1037 1039 1041 4006 4007  
99 Block 950300:  
100 1014 1039 1042 1043 1046 1047 1056 1057

- 101 District 003
- 102 County McDuffie GA
- 103 VTD SWEETWATER ACTIVITY CENTER
- 104 Block 950402:
- 105 2015 2016 2017 2023 3014
- 106 VTD THOMSON DEPOT
- 107 Block 950200:
- 108 3042 3043 3044 3045 3046 3054 4015 4016 4020 4021 4022 4023
- 109 Block 950402:
- 110 2002 2003 2007 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2027 3000 3003 3004
- 111 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3015 3016 3017 3018