

House Bill 699 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Williamson of the 112<sup>th</sup> and Fleming of the 114<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Social Circle, approved May 5,  
2 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3627), as amended, so as to reapportion the city councilmembers  
3 election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in  
4 office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Social Circle, approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L.  
9 2005, p. 3627), as amended, is amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

10 "SECTION 5.11.

11 Election of mayor and councilmembers.

12 (a) There shall be a municipal general election biennially in the odd years on the Tuesday  
13 next following the first Monday in November. At the general election in 2025 and every  
14 four years thereafter, councilmembers shall be elected from Council District 1 and Council

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15 District 3. At the municipal general election in 2023 and every four years thereafter, the  
16 mayor and councilmembers from Council District 2 and Council District 4 shall be elected.  
17 Each district councilmember shall be elected by the electors residing within the council  
18 district. The mayor shall be elected by the electors residing within the entire city.

19 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the city council, the City of Social Circle shall  
20 be divided into four election districts. Those election districts shall be and correspond to  
21 those four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this  
22 Act and further identified as 'User: Social Circle Plan Name: SocialCircleCCSB-2023 Plan  
23 Type: Local'.

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

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

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

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

39 (3) Except for any incorporated islands, any part of the City of Social Circle which is  
40 described in subsection (b) of this section as being included in a particular election  
41 district shall nevertheless not be included within such election district if such part is not

42 contiguous to such election district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included  
43 within that election district contiguous to such part which contains the least population  
44 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

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**SECTION 2.**

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

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

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**SECTION 3.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

59 User: Social Circle

60 Plan Name: SocialCircleCCSB-2023

61 Plan Type: Local

62 District 001

63 County Walton GA

64 VTD SOCIAL CIRCLE

65 Block 110801

66 1001 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1013 1014 1015 1018

67 2000 2001 2002 2003 2006 2007 2008 2009 2011 2013 2018 2019

68 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 3026 3027 3043

69 Block 110802

70 1001 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022

71 District 002

72 County Newton GA

73 VTD HUB

74 Block 100202

75 1029 1031 1034 1035 1058 2000

76 County Walton GA

77 VTD SOCIAL CIRCLE

78 Block 110801

79 1017 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1031 1035

80 3044

81 Block 110802  
82 1000 1004 1005 1013 1014 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029  
83 1039 1041 1042 1043 1046 1048 1060 1061 1062 1063 1064 1065  
84 1066 2022 2023 2024

85 District 003  
86 County Walton GA  
87 VTD SOCIAL CIRCLE  
88 Block 110801  
89 2004 2005 2010 2012 2014 2015 2026

90 District 004  
91 County Newton GA  
92 VTD HUB  
93 Block 100202  
94 1002 1003  
95 County Walton GA  
96 VTD SOCIAL CIRCLE  
97 Block 110801  
98 1000 1002 1003 1011 1012 1016 1028 1029 1030 1033 1037 2016  
99 2017 3028 3033 3034 3035 3036 3037 3038 3039 3040 3042