

House Bill 1077 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Watson of the 172nd, and LaHood of the 175th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Thomas County, approved
2 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4321), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3501), so as to change the description of the education
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; 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 providing for the Board of Education of Thomas County, approved March 30, 1989
9 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4321), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga.
10 L. 2012, p. 3501), is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 2 of said Act and
11 inserting in their place the following:

12 "(a) The Board of Education of Thomas County shall consist of seven members. For
13 purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Thomas County School
14 District is divided into seven education districts. The seven education districts shall be and
15 correspond to those seven numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and

16 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Thomas SB Plan Name:
17 ThomasSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

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

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

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Thomas County who are serving as such
41 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office

42 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms
43 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

44 (b) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this
45 Act, shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as
46 newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members
47 of the board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and
48 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

49 **SECTION 3.**

50 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
51 Education of Thomas County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act
52 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions
53 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

54 **SECTION 4.**

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

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APPENDIX A

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58 User: Thomas SB

59 Plan Name: ThomasSB-2022

60 Plan Type: Local

61 District 001

62 County Thomas GA

63 VTD BOSTON

64 Block 961100:

65 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012

66 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024

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71 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036

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79 VTD FIRE STATION #2

80 Block 960800:

81 1020 1067 5007 5009 5010 5011 5016 5017 5018 5019 5020 5022
 82 5024 5027 5036 5038
 83 Block 961000:
 84 3006 3008 3018 3022 3024 3025 3033 3042 3043 3044 3046 3047
 85 3050 3053 3054
 86 VTD GATLIN CREEK
 87 Block 961000:
 88 3010 3011 3028 3030 3031 3036 3037 3041
 89 VTD METCALFE

 90 District 002
 91 County Thomas GA
 92 VTD BARWICK
 93 VTD BOSTON
 94 Block 961100:
 95 1005 2006 2008 2011 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2027 2028
 96 2031 2049 2050 2051
 97 VTD GATLIN CREEK
 98 Block 960502:
 99 1050 1051 1052
 100 Block 961000:
 101 1004 1005 1006 1019 1020 1021 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005
 102 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2020 2022 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029
 103 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3007 3015 3038 3039 3040
 104 Block 961100:
 105 2003 2005 2009 2010 2029 2030
 106 VTD PATTEN

107 Block 960400:
 108 2002 2003 2004 2018 2019 2042 2043 2044 2045 2055 2057
 109 VTD PAVO

 110 District 003
 111 County Thomas GA
 112 VTD CENTRAL
 113 Block 960502:
 114 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 115 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1022 1023 1026 1027 1028 1031
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 120 VTD GATLIN CREEK
 121 Block 961000:
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 124 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
 125 VTD REMINGTON
 126 Block 960502:
 127 1019 1020 1021 2028 2029 2030

 128 District 004
 129 County Thomas GA
 130 VTD ELLABELLE
 131 VTD MEIGS

132 VTD OCHLOCKNEE

133 Block 960200:

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140 District 005

141 County Thomas GA

142 VTD CENTRAL

143 Block 960400:

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145 Block 960501:

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148 Block 960502:

149 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

150 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2018 2019 2020 2021

151 Block 961000:

152 1000 1001 1002 1003

153 Block 961100:

154 2004

155 VTD NEW COVENANT

156 Block 960501:

157 1016 1017 1019 1020 1021 1022 3007 3008 3009 3011 3012 3013

158 3022 3026
 159 Block 960502:
 160 2027
 161 VTD PATTEN
 162 Block 960300:
 163 2044 2054 2055
 164 Block 960400:
 165 2046 2047 2048 2049

 166 District 006
 167 County Thomas GA
 168 VTD FIRE STATION #2
 169 Block 960800:
 170 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1010 1011 1016 1017
 171 1018 1022 1023 1024 1025 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032 1033
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 175 VTD NEW COVENANT
 176 Block 960200:
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 179 Block 960501:
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 181 Block 960701:
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 186 Block 960702:
 187 1000 1001
 188 VTD OCHLOCKNEE
 189 Block 960200:
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 195 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2041

196 District 007
 197 County Thomas GA
 198 VTD COOLIDGE
 199 VTD MERRILLVILLE
 200 VTD NEW COVENANT
 201 Block 960501:
 202 1003 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2024
 203 2025 2026 2027
 204 Block 960701:
 205 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1007 1015 1016 1017 1018