

House Bill 680 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Taylor of the 173rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Thomasville, approved March 30,
2 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5051), as amended, so as to reapportion the city council and board of
3 education election districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
4 continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for 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 Thomasville, approved March 30, 1990 (Ga.
9 L. 1990, p. 5051), as amended, is amended by revising Section 5.22 as follows:

10 "SECTION 5.22.

11 Boundaries of council districts.

12 (a) For the purpose of electing district councilmembers of the city council, the City of
13 Thomasville shall be divided into two election districts. Those election districts shall be
14 and correspond to those two numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and

15 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Thomasville City Plan Name:
16 ThomasvilleCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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 an
21 election district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and
22 describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the
23 Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

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

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

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

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 11.10 as follows:

"SECTION 11.10.

Boundaries of board districts.

(a) For the purpose of electing district board members of the board of education, the City of Thomasville Independent School District shall be divided into two education election districts. Those election districts shall be and correspond to those two numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Thomasville City Plan Name: ThomasvilleCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

(2) Any part of the City of Thomasville Independent School District which is not included in any education election district described in subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that election district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Except for any incorporated islands, any part of the City of Thomasville Independent School District which is described in subsection (a) of this section as being included in a particular education election district shall nevertheless not be included within such

66 education election district if such part is not contiguous to such election district. Such
67 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that election district contiguous to
68 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
69 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

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SECTION 3.

71 (a) Those members of the City Council of the City of Thomasville and the Board of
72 Education of the City of Thomasville Independent School District who are serving as such
73 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
74 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms
75 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

76 (b) City Council Election Districts 1 and 2, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
77 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as City Council Election Districts 1 and 2,
78 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this
79 Act, such councilmembers serving from those former election districts shall be deemed to
80 be serving from and representing their respective election districts as newly described under
81 this Act.

82 (c) Education Election Districts 1 and 2, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date
83 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Election Districts 1 and 2,
84 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this
85 Act, such members of the board of education serving from those former election districts
86 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective election districts as
87 newly described under this Act.

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SECTION 4.

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

90 APPENDIX A

91 User: Thomasville City

92 Plan Name: ThomasvilleCCSB-2022

93 Plan Type: Local

94 District 001

95 County Thomas GA

96 VTD DOUGLASS

97 VTD FIRE STATION #2

98 Block 961000:

99 3045

100 VTD HARPER

101 VTD REMINGTON

102 Block 960601:

103 3002 3021 3022 3023 3024 3025 3026 3027 3028 3029 3030 3031

104 3032 3033

105 Block 960602:

106 1010

107 Block 960702:

108 3046

109 Block 960900:

110 1001 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1017 1018 1019

111 VTD RESOURCE CENTER

112 District 002

113 County Thomas GA

114 VTD CENTRAL
115 Block 960502:
116 1042 1043 1044
117 VTD GATLIN CREEK
118 Block 961000:
119 2019
120 VTD JERGER
121 VTD REMINGTON
122 Block 960501:
123 1012 1015 1018 1023 3023 3024 3025
124 Block 960502:
125 1018 1024 1025 1029 1030 1033 1046 1047 1053 2017 2022 2023
126 2024 2025 2026 2031
127 Block 960601:
128 2005 2006 2007 2012 2013 2014 2016 3000 3001
129 Block 960602:
130 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004
131 2005 2006 2007 2008 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017
132 Block 960900:
133 2001 2004 2005 2008 2009 2010 2039
134 VTD SCOTT