

Senate Bill 465

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the form of government of DeKalb County and fixing the  
2 powers and duties of the officers constituting the governing authority of DeKalb County,  
3 approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), as amended, so as to change the description  
4 of commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
5 continuation in office of current members of the Board of Commissioners; to provide for  
6 election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for a referendum, effective  
7 dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the form of government of DeKalb County and fixing the powers and  
11 duties of the officers constituting the governing authority of DeKalb County, approved  
12 April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), as amended, is amended by revising subsections (b),  
13 (c), and (d) of Section 2 as follows:

14 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, DeKalb County is  
15 divided into seven commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
16 each such district.

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17 (c) Reserved.

18 (d)(1) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall be and correspond to those  
19 seven numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act  
20 and further identified as 'User: DeKalb Plan Name: DeKalbCC-SD010-2022 Plan Type:  
21 Local'.

22 (2) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

33 (3) Any part of DeKalb County which is not included in any district described in  
34 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such  
35 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
36 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

37 (4) Any part of DeKalb County which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as  
38 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
39 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
40 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
41 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
42 Georgia."

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**SECTION 2.**

44 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

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**"SECTION 3.**

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

52 (b) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County who are serving as  
53 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such  
54 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their  
55 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
56 successors.

57 (c) The members for Commissioner Districts 1, 4, 5 and 6 shall be elected at the general  
58 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2024.

59 (d) The members for Commissioner Districts 2, 3, and 7 shall be elected at the general  
60 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026.

61 (e) Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to  
62 expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding  
63 the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately  
64 following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of  
65 the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until  
66 their respective successors are elected and qualified."

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**SECTION 3.**

68 The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided  
 69 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of DeKalb County for  
 70 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday  
 71 after the first Monday in November, 2022 and shall issue the call and conduct that election  
 72 as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
 73 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date  
 74 thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
 75 thereon the words:

76 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides that the current five district and  
 77 ( ) NO two super district commissioner seats on the DeKalb County Board of  
 78 Commissioners be replaced with seven district commissioner seats, with the  
 79 commissioners currently in and elected to office completing the terms for  
 80 which they were elected?"

81 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
 82 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
 83 such question are for approval of the Act, Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall become of  
 84 full force and effect on January 1, 2023. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not  
 85 conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall not become  
 86 effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately  
 87 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by DeKalb County.  
 88 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of  
 89 State.

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**SECTION 4.**

91 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
92 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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**SECTION 5.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

96 User: DeKalb

97 Plan Name: DeKalbCC-SD010-2022

98 Plan Type: Local

99 District 001

100 County DeKalb GA

101 VTD Ashford Dunwoody Road (BHAVN)

102 VTD Ashford Park Elem (BHAVN)

103 VTD Ashford Parkside (BHAVN)

104 VTD Austin (DUN)

105 VTD Chamblee (CHA)

106 VTD Chamblee 2 (CHA)

107 VTD Chesnut Elem (DUN)

108 VTD Doraville North (DOR)

109 VTD Doraville South (DOR)

110 VTD Dunwoody (DUN)

111 VTD Dunwoody 2 (DUN)

112 VTD Dunwoody Library (DUN)

113 VTD Georgetown (DUN)

114 VTD Huntley Hills Elem (CHA)

115 VTD Kingsley Elem (DUN)

116 VTD Kittredge Elem (BHAVN)

117 VTD Montgomery Elem (BHAVN)

118 VTD Mount Vernon East (DUN)

119 VTD Mt.Vernon West (DUN)

- 120 VTD North Peachtree (DUN)
- 121 VTD Oakcliff Elem
- 122 VTD Peachtree Middle (DUN)
- 123 VTD Silver Lake (ATL & BHAVN)
- 124 VTD Tilly Mill Road (DUN)
- 125 VTD Winters Chapel (DUN)
  
- 126 District 002
- 127 County DeKalb GA
- 128 VTD Briarlake Elem
- 129 VTD Clairmont Road
- 130 VTD Clarkston
- 131 VTD Coralwood
- 132 VTD Dresden Elem (CHA)
- 133 VTD Freedom Middle
- 134 VTD Hawthorne Elem
- 135 VTD Henderson Mill
- 136 VTD Jolly Elem
- 137 Block 022010:
  - 138 1017 1021 1022 1023 1026 1027 1028
- 139 Block 022011:
  - 140 1000 1001 1005 1006 1008 1012 1014 1016 2000 2001 2002 2003
- 141 Block 022015:
  - 142 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 2004 2006 2007 2008 2009
  - 143 2010 2011 2012
- 144 VTD Lakeside High
- 145 VTD McLendon

- 146 VTD Medlock
- 147 VTD Memorial South
- 148 VTD Miller - Eldridge L. Miller Elem
- 149 VTD Montreal (TUC)
- 150 VTD Northlake
- 151 VTD Oak Grove Elem
- 152 VTD Pine Lake (PIN)
- 153 VTD Rehoboth
- 154 VTD Rockbridge Elem
- 155 Block 021906:
- 156 1012 1013 3008 3010
- 157 Block 021908:
- 158 3000 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007
- 159 Block 021916:
- 160 2003 2004 2006 2007 2008
- 161 Block 021917:
- 162 1000 1001 1002 1003 1015 1016 1017 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004
- 163 2005 2006 2008 2009
- 164 VTD Sagamore Hills Elem
- 165 VTD Shamrock
- 166 VTD South Hairston
- 167 VTD Valley Brook
  
- 168 District 003
- 169 County DeKalb GA
- 170 VTD Briar Vista Elem (UNI & ATL)
- 171 VTD Briarcliff

- 172 VTD Briarwood (BHAVN)
- 173 VTD Brookhaven (BHAVN)
- 174 VTD Clairemont East (DEC)
- 175 VTD Clairemont West (DEC)
- 176 VTD Coan Recreation Center (ATL)
- 177 Block 020500:
  - 178 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1012
- 179 Block 020600:
  - 180 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1008 1009 1010 2000 2001 2002
  - 181 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
  - 182 2015 2016
- 183 VTD Cross Keys High (BHAVN)
- 184 VTD Druid Hills
- 185 VTD Emory Road
- 186 VTD Emory South (UNI & ATL)
- 187 VTD Epworth (ATL)
- 188 VTD Fernbank
- 189 VTD Glennwood (DEC)
- 190 VTD Harris - Margaret Harris Ed
- 191 VTD Johnson Estates (ATL)
- 192 VTD Lavista
- 193 VTD Lavista Road
- 194 VTD Lin - Mary Lin Elem (ATL)
- 195 VTD Montclair Elem (BHAVN)
- 196 VTD Oakhurst (DEC)
- 197 VTD Ponce de Leon (DEC)
- 198 VTD Renfroe Middle (DEC)

- 199 VTD Scott
- 200 VTD Skyland (BHAVN)
- 201 VTD Winnona Park (DEC)
- 202 VTD Woodward Elem (BHAVN)
  
- 203 District 004
- 204 County DeKalb GA
- 205 VTD Brockett (TUC)
- 206 VTD Brockett Elem (TUC)
- 207 VTD Embry Hills
- 208 VTD Evansdale Elem
- 209 VTD Hambrick Elem
- 210 VTD Hugh Howell (TUC)
- 211 VTD Idlewood Elem (TUC)
- 212 VTD Jolly Elem
- 213 Block 022010:
- 214 1000 1001 1002 1018 1019 1020
- 215 Block 022013:
- 216 1014 2008 2009 2010 2011 2013
- 217 Block 022015:
- 218 2000 2001 2002 2003 2005
- 219 VTD Livsey Elem
- 220 VTD Midvale Elem (TUC)
- 221 VTD Midvale Road
- 222 VTD North Hairston
- 223 VTD Pleasantdale Road
- 224 VTD Rock Chapel Elem

- 225 VTD Rockbridge Elem
- 226 Block 021906:
- 227 1002 1005 3012 3013 4008
- 228 VTD Rockbridge Road
- 229 VTD Smoke Rise (TUC)
- 230 VTD South Deshon
- 231 VTD Stephenson High
- 232 VTD Stephenson Middle
- 233 VTD Stone Mill Elem
- 234 VTD Stone Mountain (STO)
- 235 VTD Stone Mountain Champion (STO)
- 236 VTD Stone Mountain Elem
- 237 VTD Stone Mountain Middle (TUC)
- 238 VTD Tucker (TUC)
- 239 VTD Tucker Library (TUC)
- 240 VTD Warren Tech
- 241 VTD Wynbrooke Elem
  
- 242 District 005
- 243 County DeKalb GA
- 244 VTD Allgood Elem
- 245 VTD Austin Drive
- 246 VTD Avondale (AVO)
- 247 VTD Avondale High
- 248 VTD Bethune Middle
- 249 VTD Browns Mill Elem
- 250 VTD Canby Lane Elem

- 251 VTD Chapel Hill Elem
- 252 VTD Columbia Drive
- 253 VTD Covington
- 254 VTD Covington Hwy
- 255 VTD Dunaire Elem
- 256 VTD Flakes Mill Fire Station
- 257 VTD Flat Shoals Parkway
- 258 VTD Glenhaven
- 259 VTD Glenwood Road
- 260 VTD Harris - Narvie J. Harris Elem
- 261 VTD Indian Creek
- 262 VTD Kelley Chapel Road
- 263 VTD King - ML King Jr High
- 264 VTD McWilliams
- 265 VTD North Decatur
- 266 VTD Peachcrest
- 267 VTD Rowland Elem
- 268 VTD Rowland Road
- 269 VTD Shaw Elementary
- 270 VTD Snapfinger Elem
- 271 VTD Snapfinger Road North
- 272 VTD Snapfinger Road South
- 273 VTD Wesley Chapel Library
- 274 VTD Woodridge Elem
  
- 275 District 006
- 276 County DeKalb GA

277 VTD Bouldercrest Road  
278 VTD Boulevard (ATL)  
279 VTD Burgess Elem (ATL)  
280 VTD Candler  
281 VTD Cedar Grove Elem  
282 VTD Cedar Grove Middle  
283 VTD Cedar Grove South  
284 VTD Clifton  
285 VTD Coan Recreation Center (ATL)  
286 Block 020500:  
287 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018  
288 1019 2000 2001 2002 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011  
289 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2027 3004  
290 3005 3006  
291 VTD Columbia Elem  
292 VTD Columbia Middle  
293 VTD East Lake (ATL)  
294 VTD Flat Shoals  
295 VTD Flat Shoals Elem  
296 VTD Flat Shoals Library  
297 VTD Gresham Road  
298 VTD Kelley Lake Elem  
299 VTD Knollwood Elem  
300 VTD Mathis - Bob Mathis Elem  
301 VTD McNair  
302 VTD McNair Academy  
303 VTD McNair High

- 304 VTD Meadowview
- 305 VTD Metropolitan (ATL)
- 306 VTD Midway Elem
- 307 VTD Oak View Elem
- 308 VTD Piney Grove
- 309 VTD Rainbow Elem
- 310 VTD Terry Mill
- 311 VTD Toney Elem
- 312 VTD Wadsworth
  
- 313 District 007
- 314 County DeKalb GA
- 315 VTD Candler - Murphey Candler Elem
- 316 VTD Crossroads
- 317 VTD Fairington Elem
- 318 VTD Flat Rock Elem
- 319 VTD Lithonia (LIT)
- 320 VTD Lithonia High
- 321 VTD Marbut Elem
- 322 VTD Miller Grove
- 323 VTD Miller Grove High
- 324 VTD Miller Grove Road
- 325 VTD Panola
- 326 VTD Panola Road
- 327 VTD Panola Way Elem
- 328 VTD Princeton Elem
- 329 VTD Redan Elem

- 330 VTD Redan Middle
- 331 VTD Redan Road
- 332 VTD Redan-Trotti Library
- 333 VTD Rock Chapel Road
- 334 VTD Salem Middle
- 335 VTD Shadow Rock Elem
- 336 VTD Stonecrest Library
- 337 VTD Stoneview Elem
- 338 VTD White Oak
- 339 VTD Woodrow Road
- 340 VTD Young Road