Senate Bill 475 By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

# AS PASSED SENATE

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County, approved 2 February 28, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 777), as amended, so as to change the description of the 3 commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation 4 in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to 5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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# **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Wilkinson County, approved February 28,
9 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 777), as amended, is amended by striking in its entirety subsections (a)
10 and (b) of Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) The chairperson of the board of commissioners may reside anywhere within 12 Wilkinson County and shall be elected by a majority of the qualified electors of Wilkinson 13 County voting at the elections hereinafter provided for in this Act. Any person offering as 14 a candidate for chairperson shall have been a resident of said county for at least two years 15 immediately preceding the date of the election and shall remain a resident during the term 16 of office. The chairperson and all other members shall be at least 21 years of age as of the 17 date of taking office. For the purpose of electing the other four members of the board, 18 Wilkinson County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the 19 board shall be elected from each such district. The four commissioner districts shall be and 20 correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made 21 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Wilkinson Co. Plan Name: 22 WilkinsonCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

23 (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 a 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

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

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

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

## **SECTION 2.**

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

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

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#### **SECTION 3.**

56 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of 57 Commissioners of Wilkinson County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of 58 this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining 59 provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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#### **SECTION 4.**

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

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### APPENDIX A

- 63 User: Wilkinson Co.
- 64 Plan Name: WilkinsonCCSB-2022
- 65 Plan Type: Local
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- 67 County Wilkinson GA
- 68 VTD IVEY
- 69 Block 960300:

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