

House Bill 1125

By: Representatives Parham of the 122nd and Hudson of the 120th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of
2 Baldwin County, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3325), as amended, so as to change
3 the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
4 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of
5 subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Baldwin
11 County, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3325), as amended, is amended by striking
12 Section 1 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) The Board of Education of Baldwin County shall be composed of five members. For
15 purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Baldwin County School
16 District is divided into five education districts. The five education districts shall be and
17 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part
18 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: baldwinwk2 Plan Type: Local User: Tara
19 Administrator: Baldwin Co.

20 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
21 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
22 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
23 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
24 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
25 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

1 Georgia. Any part of the Baldwin County School District which is not included in any
2 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous
3 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
4 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Baldwin County School District
5 which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not
6 be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
7 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
8 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
9 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education
10 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
11 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
12 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

13 (c) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to June 1, 2002,
14 shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as
15 newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such members of the board
16 serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and
17 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

18 SECTION 2.

19 Those members of the Board of Education of Baldwin County who are serving as such on
20 June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to
21 serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and
22 upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

23 SECTION 3.

24 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Baldwin County to submit
25 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
26 amended.

27 SECTION 4.

28 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
29 election of members of the Board of Education of Baldwin County in 2002 shall become
30 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
31 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

32 SECTION 5.

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