

House Bill 1119

By: Representative Floyd of the 138<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Pulaski County and consolidating  
2 and restating the laws relative thereto, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4175), as  
3 amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions  
4 and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for  
5 election and terms of office of members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval  
6 under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to  
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the Board of Education of Pulaski County and consolidating and  
11 restating the laws relative thereto, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4175), as  
12 amended, is amended by striking Section 1 of said Act and inserting in its place the  
13 following:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 (a) The Board of Education of Pulaski County shall be composed of seven members who  
16 shall be elected as provided in this Act. Those members of the Board of Education of  
17 Pulaski County who are serving as such on December 31, 2002, and any person selected  
18 to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular  
19 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their  
20 respective successors. On and after January 1, 2003, the Board of Education of Pulaski  
21 County shall consist of seven members all of whom shall be elected from education  
22 districts described in subsection (b) of this section. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and  
23 7, as they exist on December 31, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education  
24 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on  
25 and after January 1, 2003, such members of the board serving from those former education

1 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as  
2 newly described under this Act.

3 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Pulaski County School  
4 District is divided into seven education districts. One member of the board shall be elected  
5 from each such district. The seven education districts shall be and correspond to those  
6 seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and  
7 further identified as Plan Name: pulaskiwk3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator:  
8 Pulaski Co.

9 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
10 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
11 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
12 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
13 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
14 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
15 Georgia. Any part of the Pulaski County School District which is not included in any such  
16 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such  
17 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
18 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Pulaski County School District which is  
19 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be  
20 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
21 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part  
22 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000  
23 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education  
24 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
25 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
26 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

27 (d) Each member of the board of education shall be a resident of the respective education  
28 district during the member's term of office. Each person offering for election as a member  
29 of said board shall specify the education district for which the person is offering. Each  
30 member of the board shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting  
31 within each respective district. All members of the board shall be elected in nonpartisan  
32 elections without prior nonpartisan primaries as provided for in this Act, and otherwise in  
33 accordance with the provisions of the general election laws of this state."

## 34 SECTION 2.

35 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Pulaski County to submit this  
36 Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

