

House Bill 1229

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Wiles of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Hines of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Franklin of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 29<sup>th</sup> and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act changing the boundaries of the seven education districts of the Cobb  
2 County School District, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, so as  
3 to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions;  
4 to provide for election of members from districts; to provide for continuation in office of  
5 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting  
6 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act changing the boundaries of the seven education districts of the Cobb County School  
10 District, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, is amended by  
11 striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(a)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Cobb County  
13 School District is divided into seven education districts. The seven education districts  
14 shall be and correspond to those seven numbered districts described in and attached to  
15 and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: cobbsp1 Plan Type:  
16 Local User: Gina Administrator: Cobb.

17 (2) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
18 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau  
19 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.  
20 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'  
21 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in  
22 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
23 the State of Georgia. Any part of the Cobb County School District which is not included  
24 in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district  
25 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States  
26 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Cobb County School

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

9 (b) There shall be elected to the Board of Education of Cobb County one member from  
 10 each of said education districts. To be eligible for membership on the board to represent  
 11 an education district, a person must reside in the education district which he represents.  
 12 There shall be one member of the board from each education district and that member  
 13 shall be elected only by the voters of that education district voting for such office and not  
 14 by the voters of the entire county. No person residing within the territory embraced  
 15 within an independent school system shall be eligible to vote in an election for members  
 16 of the board, nor shall any such person be eligible to serve on the board. In order to be  
 17 eligible as a member of the Cobb County Board of Education, a candidate must be a  
 18 resident from the education district from which they offer, must be a citizen of the United  
 19 States of America, must have been a resident of the Cobb County School District for at  
 20 least 12 months immediately preceding the date of the election, and a qualified elector  
 21 of Cobb County."

## 22 SECTION 2.

23 The members of the Board of Education of Cobb County in office on March 1, 2002, and any  
 24 person selected to fill a vacancy in such office, shall continue to serve out the terms of office  
 25 to which they were elected. The new education districts provided in this Act shall apply to  
 26 the nomination and election of successors to the members of the board of education whose  
 27 terms of office expire in 2002 and thereafter.

## 28 SECTION 3.

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

## 31 SECTION 4.

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