

House Bill 1264

By: Representative Smith of the 91<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Morgan  
2 County, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4643), as amended, so as to change the  
3 composition and description of the education districts from which members of the board of  
4 education are elected; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
5 in office of current members and election of subsequent members; to provide for submission  
6 of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal  
7 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 election of members of the Board of Education of Morgan County,  
11 approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4643), 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 Morgan County shall consist of five members to be elected  
15 in accordance with the provisions of this Act. For purposes of electing members of the  
16 board of education, the Morgan County School District is divided into five education  
17 districts. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered  
18 districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as  
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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 Morgan County School District which is not included in any such  
2 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such  
3 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
4 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Morgan County School District which  
5 is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be  
6 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 **SECTION 2.**

14 The members of the Board of Education of Morgan County in office on June 1, 2002, and  
15 any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such  
16 members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election  
17 and qualification of their respective successors. Each such member shall be deemed to  
18 represent the district described in Section 1 and the attachment referred to in said section  
19 which has the same number as such member's district had under previous law.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Morgan County to submit  
22 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
23 amended.

24 **SECTION 4.**

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