

House Bill 1259

By: Representative Sims of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Atkinson County, approved April
2 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4771), as amended, so as to change the description of the education
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of
4 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting
5 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Atkinson County, approved April 5, 1993
9 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4771), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in its
10 place a new Section 2 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.

12 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Atkinson County who are serving as
13 such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a
14 vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular
15 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their
16 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of Education
17 of Atkinson County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be elected from
18 education districts described in subsection (b) of this section.

19 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Atkinson County
20 School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be
21 elected from each such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to
22 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
23 further identified as Plan Name: atkinsonwk1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina
24 Administrator: Atkinson.

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

19 (d) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
20 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,
21 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of
22 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be
23 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
24 under this Act."

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 **SECTION 3.**

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