

House Bill 1271

By: Representative Broome of the 160th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Seminole County, approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3994), as amended, so as to reapportion the Board of Education of Seminole County; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members; to provide for the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Board of Education of Seminole County, approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3994), is amended by striking, in its entirety, subsection (a) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1.

(a) The Board of Education of Seminole County shall consist of five members to be elected as provided in this Act. For the purpose of electing such members, the Seminole County School District shall be divided into five educational districts as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1

Begin at a point where State Route #91 intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the Ned Alday - River Road; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of the Ned Alday - River Road until it intersects with the Phil Spooner Road; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the center of Phil Spooner Road until it intersects with State Route 91; thence, then proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State Route #39; thence, proceed in a

1 southerly direction along the center of State Route #39 until it intersects with Fishpond
2 Drain; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of Fishpond Drain until
3 it intersects with the Peanut Bland Road; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along
4 the center of the Peanut Bland Road until it intersects with the F B Faircloth Road;
5 thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of F B Faircloth Road until it
6 intersects with the Burke Road; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center
7 of the Burke Road until it intersects with State Route #39; thence, proceed in a southerly
8 direction along the center of State Route #39 until it intersects with State Route #253;
9 thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center of State Route #253 until it ends;
10 thence, forming an imaginary line crossing Lake Seminole, running in the same westerly
11 direction as State Route #253, until the imaginary line intersects with the western
12 boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the western
13 boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the point of beginning.

14 **DISTRICT NO. 2**

15 Beginning at the northwest corner of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an easterly
16 direction along the northern boundary of Seminole County until it intersects with the
17 center of State Route #91; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of
18 State Route #91 until it intersects with the Phil Spooner Road; thence, proceed in a
19 westerly direction along the center of the Phil Spooner Road until it intersects with the
20 Ned Alday - River Road; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of the
21 Ned Alday - River Road until it intersects with State Route #91; thence, proceed in a
22 westerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the western
23 boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the western
24 boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the point of beginning.

25 **DISTRICT NO. 3**

26 Beginning at a point where the east right of way line of State Route #91 intersects the
27 Northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville and from said point proceed easterly
28 along the northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it corners south; thence
29 proceed in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of the City of Donalsonville
30 until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the southern boundary
31 of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State Route #91; thence, proceed in
32 a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91 to the point of beginning.

33 **DISTRICT NO 4.**

34 Beginning at the northeast corner of Seminole County; thence, proceed in a southerly
35 direction along the eastern boundary of Seminole County until it intersects with State
36 Route #253; thence; proceed in a southerly direction along the center of State Route #253
37 until it intersects with Burke Road; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the

center of Burke Road until it intersects with Fishpond Drain; thence, proceed along the center of Fishpond Drain until it intersects with State Route #39; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #39 until it intersects with the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it corners north; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the norther boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State Route #91; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the northern boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Seminole county to the point of beginning.

DISTRICT NO. 5

All remaining lands not contained in districts one, two, three and four and being bounded on the east, west, and south by original county lines and on the north by the south lines of districts one and four shall be known as district five.

Any part of the Seminole County School District which is not included in any educational district described in this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Seminole County School District which is described as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any educational district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of Education of Seminole County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of members of the Board of Education of Seminole County shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

SECTION 5.

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