

House Bill 1277

By: Representative Channell of the 111th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of
2 Oglethorpe County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2370), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved February 6, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4508), so as to revise the
4 education districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for
5 definitions and inclusions; to provide for the manner of election; to provide for
6 qualifications; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5
7 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Oglethorpe
12 County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2370), as amended, particularly by an Act
13 approved February 6, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4508), is amended by striking subsections (b),
14 (c), and (d) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (b) and (c) to read as
15 follows:

16 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board under Section 4 of this Act, the
17 Oglethorpe County School District shall be divided into five education districts which shall
18 be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made
19 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: oglethccsbwk2 Plan Type: Local
20 User: Angela Administrator: Oglethorpe.

21 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
22 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
23 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
24 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
25 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
26 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

1 Georgia. Any part of the Oglethorpe County School District which is not included in any
2 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous
3 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
4 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Oglethorpe County School District
5 which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not
6 be 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 district,
10 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 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
15 a new Section 4 to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 4.

17 (a) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in
18 November, 1998, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until
19 successors are elected and qualified as provided in this section. The members of the board
20 of education who were elected at the general election in November, 2000, shall continue
21 in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and
22 qualified as provided in this section.

23 (b) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Oglethorpe County from
24 Education Districts 3 and 5 shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election
25 in November, 2002. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election
26 for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

27 (c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Oglethorpe County from
28 Education Districts 1, 2, and 4 shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election
29 in November, 2004. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election
30 for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

31 (d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be
32 elected at the time of the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such
33 terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four
34 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

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

7 **SECTION 3.**

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

11 **SECTION 4.**

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