

House Bill 1309

By: Representative Skipper of the 137th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for districts for the election of the Sumter County Board of
2 Education, approved February 29, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2065), as amended, particularly by
3 an Act approved March 5, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2127), an Act approved April 1, 1992 (Ga.
4 L. 1992, p. 5171), and an Act approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 5108), so as to
5 change provisions relating to education districts for the board; to define certain terms; to
6 provide for the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide
7 for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for districts for the election of the Sumter County Board of Education,
12 approved February 29, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2065), as amended, particularly by an Act
13 approved March 5, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2127), an Act approved April 1, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992,
14 p. 5171), and an Act approved April 13, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 5108), is amended by striking
15 in its entirety Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 "SECTION 1.

17 (a) The Sumter County School District shall be defined as all of Sumter County including
18 the area within the corporate limits of the City of Americus. The board of education of
19 Sumter County shall be composed of nine members who shall be elected as provided in this
20 Act. For the purposes of electing members of the board, the Sumter County School District
21 shall be and correspond to those nine education districts described in and attached to and
22 made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: SUMTERSB2 Plan Type:
23 LOCAL User: Tara Administrator: Sumter Co.

24 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
25 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of

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

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said Act is further amended by striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 3, and
20 redesignating subsections (d), (e), and (f) as new subsections (a), (b), and (c).

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Said Act is further amended by repealing Section 4.

23 **SECTION 4.**

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

SECTION 5.

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

SECTION 6.

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

SECTION 7.

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