

House Bill 1381

By: Representative Everett of the 163rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Dougherty County School System, approved February 5, 1951
2 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2233), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts;
3 to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current
4 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
5 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 creating the Dougherty County School System, approved February 5, 1951 (Ga. L.
9 1951, p. 2233), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (d) and (e) of Section 5 and
10 inserting in their place new subsections (d), (e), and (e.1) to read as follows:

11 "(d) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the at-large
12 member, the Dougherty County School District is divided into six education districts. One
13 member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The six education districts
14 shall be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and
15 made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: Option 2 Plan Type: Local
16 User: Gina Administrator: Dougherty Co.

17 (e) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
18 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
19 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
20 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
21 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
22 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
23 Georgia. Any part of the Dougherty County School District which is not included in any
24 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous
25 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
26 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Dougherty County School District

1 which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not
2 be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
3 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
4 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
5 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education
6 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
7 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
8 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

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

15 SECTION 2.

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

19 SECTION 3.

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