

House Bill 1385

By: Representative Birdsong of the 123rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Education of Twiggs County, approved March 26,
2 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3627), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995
3 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3819), so as to change the description of the districts from which members
4 of such board are elected; to define certain terms; to provide for the submission of this Act
5 for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; to repeal
6 conflicting laws and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a Board of Education of Twiggs County, approved March 26, 1982 (Ga. L.
10 1982, p. 3627), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995,
11 p. 3819), is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 and inserting in their
12 place, respectively, the following:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (b) For purposes of electing a Board of Education of Twiggs County, the Twiggs County
15 School District shall be divided into four education districts as provided in this subsection.
16 One member of the board shall be elected from each such district by the voters voting in only
17 such district. The four education districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered
18 districts described in and attached to and made a part of the 2002 amendatory Act to this Act
19 and further identified as Plan Name: twiggswk2 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator:
20 Twiggs.

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

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

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SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

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

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SECTION 4.

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

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SECTION 5.

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