

House Bill 1403

By: Representative Smith of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for an elected Board of Education of Dawson County, approved
2 March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3529), as amended, so as to change the description of the
3 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in
4 office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the
5 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for an elected Board of Education of Dawson County, approved March 23,
10 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3529), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of
11 Section 2 and inserting in their place new subsections (a), (b), and (b.1) to read as follows:

12 "(a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Dawson County
13 School District is divided into four education districts. One member of the board shall be
14 elected from each such district. The four education districts shall be and correspond to
15 those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
16 further identified as Plan Name: dawccsb3 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator:
17 Dawson.

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2.

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

20 SECTION 3.

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