

House Bill 1415

By: Representatives DeLoach of the 172nd, Barnard of the 154th, Mosley of the 171st, and Tillman of the 173rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Liberty County, approved February 10,
2 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3542), as amended, so as to change the description of the education
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of
4 current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to
5 provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
6 as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the Board of Education of Liberty County, approved February 10, 1986 (Ga.
10 L. 1986, p. 3542), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 of said Act and inserting in
11 its place the following:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) There is created a board of education of the Liberty County School District consisting
14 of a chairperson and six additional members.

15 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Liberty County School
16 District is divided into seven education districts. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
17 shall be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and
18 made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: libertyplan2r Plan Type: Local
19 User: staff Administrator: Liberty. Education District 7 shall consist of all the territory
20 embraced within the Liberty County School District.

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 Liberty County School District which is not included in any such
2 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such
3 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
4 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Liberty County School District which is
5 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be
6 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 education
10 district, 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 subsection (a) of Section 2 of said Act and inserting
15 in its place the following:

16 "(a) Those members of the Board of Education of Liberty County who are serving as such
17 on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue
18 to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and
19 upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after June 1,
20 2002, Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 shall continue to be designated as Education
21 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on
22 and after June 1, 2002, such members of the board serving from those former education
23 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as
24 newly described under this Act."

25 **SECTION 3.**

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

28 **SECTION 4.**

29 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
30 election of members of the Board of Education of Liberty County in 2002 shall become
31 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
32 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

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SECTION 5.

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