

House Bill 1456

By: Representative Smith of the 103rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for election of members of the Board of Education of Heard
2 County, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5078), as amended, so as to change the
3 description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
4 continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval
5 under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for election of members of the Board of Education of Heard County,
10 approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5078), as amended, is amended by striking
11 Section 1 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) The Board of Education of Heard County shall be composed of five members. For
14 purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Heard County School District
15 is divided into five education districts. The five education districts shall be and correspond
16 to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
17 and further identified as Plan Name: heardwk2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina
18 Administrator: Heard.

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

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

12 **SECTION 2.**

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

20 **SECTION 3.**

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

23 **SECTION 4.**

24 This section, Section 2, and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary
25 for the election of members of the Board of Education of Heard County in 2002 shall become
26 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
27 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

28 **SECTION 5.**

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