

House Bill 1504

By: Representative Birdsong of the 123rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Education of Wilkinson County, approved April 3,
2 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 3333), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 1992
3 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4804), 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 Wilkinson County, approved April 3, 1972 (Ga. L.
10 1972, p. 3333), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992,
11 p. 4804), is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Section 1 and inserting in their
12 place, respectively, the following:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (b) For purposes of electing a Board of Education of Wilkinson County, the Wilkinson
15 County School District shall be divided into four education districts as provided in this
16 subsection. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district by the voters
17 voting in only such district. The four education districts shall be and correspond to those
18 four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of the 2002
19 amendatory Act to this Act and further identified as Plan Name: wilkinsonwk1 Plan Type:
20 LOCAL User: Gina Administrator: WILKINSON

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

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

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

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

27 **SECTION 4.**

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

32 **SECTION 5.**

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