

House Bill 1518

By: Representative Lord of the 121st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Washington County, approved
2 April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4652), so as to revise the districts for the election of members
3 of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method
4 of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of
5 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; 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 to reconstitute the Board of Education of Washington County, approved April 5,
10 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4652), is amended by striking Section 2 in its entirety and inserting in
11 lieu thereof a new Section 2 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.

13 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Washington County who were serving
14 as such on January 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such offices
15 shall continue to serve as such members for the terms of office to which they were elected.
16 The board shall consist of five members who, except for the chairperson, shall be elected
17 from education districts described in this section. The chairperson shall be elected at large
18 as provided in Section 7 of this Act.

19 (b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue to
20 be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described
21 under this section, and, on and after the effective date of this section, such members of the
22 board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and
23 representing their respective districts as newly described under this section.

24 (c) For the purpose of electing the members of the board other than the chairperson,
25 Washington County shall be divided into four education districts. One member of the

1 board shall be elected from each such district. The districts shall be and correspond to
2 those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
3 further identified as Plan Name: washccsb2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator:
4 Washington Co.

5 (d) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
6 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
7 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
8 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
9 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
10 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
11 Georgia. Any part of Washington County which is not included in any such district
12 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
13 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
14 for the State of Georgia. Any part of Washington County which is described in that
15 attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
16 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead
17 be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population
18 according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except
19 as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of such
20 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as
21 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
22 Georgia."

23 SECTION 2.

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

27 SECTION 3.

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