

House Bill 1524

By: Representative Anderson of the 116th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for districts for the election of the Board of Education of Burke
2 County, approved March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4481), as amended, so as to change
3 provisions relating to education districts for the board; to define certain terms; to provide for
4 the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for districts for the election of the Board of Education of Burke County,
9 approved March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4481), is amended by striking in their entirety
10 subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, Burke County shall
12 be divided into five education districts. The five education districts shall be and correspond
13 to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
14 and further identified as Plan Name: burkepl Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator:
15 Burke.

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

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

8 **SECTION 2.**

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

17 **SECTION 3.**

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

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
22 members of the Board of Education of Burke County shall become effective upon its
23 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; and this Act shall
24 otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

25 **SECTION 5.**

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