

House Bill 1507

By: Representative Jenkins of the 110<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Jasper County, approved April  
2 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4622), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1994  
3 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4876), and an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4146), so as to  
4 change provisions relating to education districts for the board; to define certain terms; to  
5 provide for the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide  
6 for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Jasper County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga.  
11 L. 1993, p. 4622), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994,  
12 p. 4876), and an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4146), is amended by striking  
13 subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Jasper County School  
15 District is divided into five educational districts. One member of the board shall be elected  
16 from each district. Those districts shall be and correspond to those five education districts  
17 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan  
18 Name: jasperp1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Jasper.

19 (c) 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 Jasper County School District which is not included in any  
26 educational district described in that attachment shall be included within that educational

1 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United  
2 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Jasper School  
3 District which is described in that attachment as being in a particular education district  
4 shall nevertheless not be included within such educational district if such part is not  
5 contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that  
6 educational district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according  
7 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise  
8 provided in the description of any education district, whenever the description of such  
9 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as  
10 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
11 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 Jasper County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election and  
15 in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the  
16 United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to  
17 affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner  
18 in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law  
19 on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of  
20 reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Jasper County to submit this  
23 Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.  
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25 **SECTION 4.**

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

30 **SECTION 5.**

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