

House Bill 1520

By: Representative Houston of the 166th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Berrien County, approved April 5, 1971
2 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3044), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 20, 1996 (Ga.
3 L. 1996, p. 3513), so as to change the description of the districts from which members of
4 such board are elected; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
5 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Board of Education of Berrien County, approved April 5, 1971 (Ga. L.
9 1971, p. 3044), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 20, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996,
10 p. 3513), is amended by striking subsections (a) and (d) of Section 1 and inserting in their
11 place, respectively, the following:

12 "(a) The Board of Education of Berrien County, sometimes referred to in this Act as the
13 board, shall continue to consist of seven members. For purposes of electing such members,
14 the Berrien County School District is divided into seven education districts. One member
15 of the board shall be elected from each such district by the voters voting in only such
16 district. The seven education districts shall be and correspond to those seven numbered
17 districts described in and attached to and made a part of the 2002 amendatory Act to this
18 Act and further identified as Plan Name: berrsbplan1Rd Plan Type: Local User: Linda
19 Administrator: Berrien."

20 "(d) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as they existed on January 1, 1996, shall
21 continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 respectively, but as
22 newly described under this section, and on and after the date this subsection becomes
23 effective in 2002, such members of the board serving from those former education districts
24 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly
25 described under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this
26 section, in order to be elected as a member of the board from Education Districts 1, 3, 6,

1 and 7 at the election in 2002, a person must have resided in that respective district, as
2 newly described under this section, for at least ten days prior to qualifying for election
3 thereto and must receive the number of votes cast for that office, as required by law, in that
4 district only and not at large."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 It shall be the duty of the Board of Education of Berrien County to require the attorney
7 therefor to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights
8 Act of 1965, as amended.

9 **SECTION 3.**

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