

House Bill 1555

By: Representatives Floyd of the 138th and James of the 140th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the membership of the Board of Education of Dooly County,
2 approved April 6, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2922), as amended, so as to change the description
3 of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
4 continuation in office of current members for the remainder of the terms to which they were
5 elected; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for
6 submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
7 amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the membership of the Board of Education of Dooly County, approved
11 April 6, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2922), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 of said
12 Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Dooly County School
15 District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected
16 from each such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five
17 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
18 identified as Plan Name: doolywk1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Dooly.

19 (b) 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 Dooly County School District which is not included in any such

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

12 (c) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue
13 to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly
14 described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, such members of the board serving
15 from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing
16 their respective districts as newly described under this Act. Those members of the Board
17 of Education of Dooly County who are serving as such on June 1, 2002, and any person
18 selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until
19 the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and
20 qualification of their respective successors."

21 SECTION 2.

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

24 SECTION 3.

25 This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
26 election of members of the Board of Education of Dooly County in 2002 shall become
27 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
28 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

29 SECTION 4.

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