

House Bill 1593

By: Representative Bell of the 25<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing a system of public schools in the City of Jefferson, Georgia,  
2 approved July 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 February 11, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3722), so as to to revise the districts for the election of  
4 members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
5 compensation for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
6 submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights  
7 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to  
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act establishing a system of public schools in the City of Jefferson, Georgia, approved  
12 July 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
13 February 11, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3722), is amended by striking subsections (c), (d), (h),  
14 (i), and (k) of Section 17.1 and inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (c), (d), (h), (i), and  
15 (k) to read as follows:

16 "(c) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the  
17 chairperson, the school district of the independent school system of the City of Jefferson  
18 is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
19 each such district. Those districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts  
20 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan  
21 Name: jeffp2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Jefferson.

22 (d) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
23 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
24 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
25 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
26 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report

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

15 "(h)(1) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election  
16 in November, 1999, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and  
17 until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the  
18 board of education who were elected at the general election in November, 2001, shall  
19 continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are  
20 elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

21 (2) The first members of the board of education of the independent school system of the  
22 City of Jefferson from Education Districts 1, 3, and 5 as newly described in this section  
23 shall be elected at the general municipal election in 2003. Such members shall take office  
24 on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are  
25 elected and qualified. The first members of the board of education of the independent  
26 school system of the City of Jefferson from Education Districts 2 and 4 as newly  
27 described in this section shall be elected at the general municipal election in 2005. Such  
28 members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years  
29 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

30 (3) Successors to members elected under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be elected  
31 at the general municipal election next preceding the expiration of such terms of office and  
32 shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until  
33 their successors are elected and qualified.

34 (4) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue  
35 to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly  
36 described under this section, and, on and after the effective date of this section, such  
37 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to

1 be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this  
2 section.

3 (i) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be elected in accordance with  
4 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' in nonpartisan elections  
5 as provided in Code Section 21-2-139."

6 "(k)(1) Members of the board shall be compensated in the amount of \$100.00 per month  
7 and shall receive a per diem of \$100.00 for each day of attendance at meetings of the  
8 board, other than the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board, and while  
9 meeting and traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official  
10 business first authorized by a majority of the board plus reimbursement for actual  
11 expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith. The accounts for such service and  
12 expenses shall be submitted for approval to the school superintendent.

13 (2) The chairperson shall be compensated in the amount of \$150.00 per month and shall  
14 receive a per diem of \$150.00 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board, other  
15 than the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board, and while meeting and  
16 traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official business first  
17 authorized by a majority of the board plus reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily  
18 incurred in connection therewith. The accounts for such service and expenses shall be  
19 submitted for approval to the school superintendent."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
22 it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

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