

House Bill 1593

By: Representative Bell of the 25th

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 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

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

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

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

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

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.

SECTION 3.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.