

House Bill 1597

By: Representative Ashe of the 46th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of
2 the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p.
3 3591), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for
4 definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to
5 provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
6 as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the number of members and for the election of members of the Board
10 of Education of Fulton County, approved February 10, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 3591), as
11 amended, is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in its place a new Section 1 to read
12 as follows:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Fulton County School
15 District is divided into seven education districts. One member of the board shall be elected
16 from each such district. The seven education districts shall be and correspond to those
17 seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
18 further identified as Plan Name: fulsbwk4 Plan Type: LOCAL User: P Chapman
19 Administrator: CNTY-FULTON.

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

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

13 (c) Education Districts 1 through 7, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date
14 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1 through 7, respectively,
15 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such
16 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be
17 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
18 section."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 This section and Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon the approval of this Act
24 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions
25 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

26 **SECTION 4.**

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