

House Bill 1601

By: Representatives Royal of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 166<sup>th</sup> and Scott of the 165<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act relating to the Board of Education of Colquitt County, approved March 12,  
2 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2582) as amended, so as to change the description of the education  
3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of  
4 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting  
5 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;  
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act relating to the Board of Education of Colquitt County, approved March 12, 1970 (Ga.  
10 L. 1970, p. 2582) as amended, is amended by striking Section 6 and inserting in its place a  
11 new Section 6 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 6.

13 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Colquitt County  
14 School District is divided into six education districts. One member of the board shall be  
15 elected from each such district. The six education districts shall be and correspond to those  
16 six numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
17 identified as Plan Name: colqwk3r Plan Type: LOCAL User: staff Administrator:  
18 CNTY-COLQUITT.

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 Colquitt 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 Colquitt County School District which  
4 is 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, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
13 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1,2, 3, 4, 5, and 6,  
14 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of  
15 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be  
16 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
17 under this Act."

## 18 SECTION 2.

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

## 22 SECTION 3.

23 This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the  
24 election of members of the Board of Education of Colquitt County in 2002 shall become  
25 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
26 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

## 27 SECTION 4.

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