

House Bill 1682

By: Representative Hudson of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the continued existence of the Wilcox County School District
2 and the Wilcox County Board of Education, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p.
3 4452), as amended by an Act approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5741), so as to change
4 the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
5 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of
6 subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
7 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for the continued existence of the Wilcox County School District and the
12 Wilcox County Board of Education, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4452), as
13 amended by an Act approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5741), is amended by striking
14 Section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "SECTION 3.

16 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Wilcox County who are serving as such
17 on December 31, 2001, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall
18 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
19 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after
20 January 1, 2003, the Board of Education of Wilcox County shall consist of five members
21 all of whom shall be elected from education districts described in subsection (b) of this
22 section.

23 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, Wilcox County is divided
24 into five districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The
25 five districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and

1 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: wilcoxwk3
 2 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Wilcox Co.

3 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
 4 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
 5 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
 6 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
 7 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
 8 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
 9 Georgia. Any part of Wilcox County which is not included in any such district described
 10 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
 11 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for
 12 the State of Georgia. Any part of Wilcox County which is described in that attachment as
 13 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such
 14 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
 15 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
 16 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise
 17 provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of such district refers
 18 to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the
 19 census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

20 SECTION 2.

21 Said Act is further amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 and inserting in
 22 lieu thereof the following:

23 "(a) The members from Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the general election on the
 24 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002. Those members of the board
 25 elected thereto from Districts 1, 3, and 5 in 2002 shall take office the first day of January
 26 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire
 27 December 31, 2006, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.
 28 The members from Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday
 29 next following the first Monday in November, 2004. Those members of the board elected
 30 thereto from Districts 2 and 4 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January immediately
 31 following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December
 32 31, 2006, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and
 33 all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be
 34 elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration
 35 of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election,
 36 and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for

1 the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors
2 are elected and qualified.

3 (b) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they existed on December 31, 2001, shall continue to be
4 designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act,
5 and on and after January 1, 2003, such members of the board serving from those former
6 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as
7 newly described under this Act."

8 **SECTION 3.**

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

11 **SECTION 4.**

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

16 **SECTION 5.**

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