

House Bill 1687

By: Representative Broome of the 160th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Early County, approved February
2 10, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3674), as amended, so as to redistrict the Board of Education of
3 Early County; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the
4 continuation in office of the current members; to provide for the election and terms of office
5 of subsequent members; to provide for related matters; to provide for a certain submission;
6 to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Early County, approved February 10, 1993
11 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3674), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2 in its entirety and
12 inserting in its place the following:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 (a) The members of the Board of Education of Early County who are serving on July 1,
15 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve
16 as such members until the regular expiration of their terms of office and the election and
17 qualification of their respective successors. On and after July 1, 2002, the Board of
18 Education of Early County shall consist of five members elected as provided in this Act.
19 On and after July 1, 2002, any election conducted to fill a vacancy on the board of
20 education shall be conducted under the new rather than the former education districts.

21 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Early County
22 School District shall be divided into five education districts, and four of those districts shall
23 be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to this Act
24 and made a part hereof and further identified as 'Plan Name: earlyccsb1 Plan Type:
25 LOCAL User: staff Administrator: EARLY'. One member of the board shall be elected

1 from each such district. Each member representing Education Districts 1 through 4 shall
 2 be elected only by a majority of the voters residing in that district voting in an election
 3 therefor.

4 (c) On or after July 1, 2002, Education District 5 shall consist of all of Early County and
 5 the successors to the member representing the new Education District 5 shall be elected at
 6 large by a majority of the voters residing in Early County voting in an election therefor.

7 (d)(1) For purposes of this section:

8 (A) The terms 'Tract' and 'BG' shall mean and describe the same geographical
 9 boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States
 10 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia; and

11 (B) The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a
 12 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as
 13 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
 14 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

15 (2) Any part of the Early County School District which is not included in any education
 16 district described in this section shall be included within that education district contiguous
 17 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
 18 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

19 (3) Any part of the Early County School District which is described in this section as
 20 being included in a particular education district shall nevertheless not be included within
 21 such education district if such part is not contiguous to such education district. Such
 22 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that education district contiguous to
 23 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
 24 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 in its entirety and inserting in its place the
 27 following:

28 "SECTION 4.

29 (a) All members of the board of education serving in office on July 1, 2002, shall continue
 30 to serve until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected and until their
 31 respective successors are elected and qualified unless otherwise removed from office as
 32 provided by the Constitution and laws of this state.

33 (b) The members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Early County from Education
 34 Districts 3 and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the

1 first Monday in November, 2002. Such members shall take office on January 1 following
2 their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

3 (c) The members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Early County from Education
4 Districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following
5 the first Monday in November, 2004. Such members shall take office on January 1
6 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and
7 qualified.

8 (d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be
9 elected at the general election next preceding the expiration of terms of office and shall
10 take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their
11 successors are elected and qualified.

12 (e) All members of the board shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter
13 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' in nonpartisan primaries and
14 elections as provided in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A.

15 (f) Each member of the board of education serving in office on July 1, 2002, and elected
16 from former Education District 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 shall on and after said date be deemed to
17 represent new Education District 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 in which he or she resides."

18 **SECTION 3.**

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

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval and shall apply to all elections and filling of vacancies on the
24 reconstituted Early County Board of Education on or after the effective date.

25 **SECTION 5.**

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