

House Bill 1688

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act regulating public instruction for the County of Richmond, approved August  
2 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 456), as amended, so as to reapportion the districts for election of  
3 members of the board of education; to provide for elections pursuant to such reapportionment  
4 of districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for terms of office; to  
5 provide for procedures; to provide for vacancies; to provide for special elections; to provide  
6 for the submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
7 amended; to provide for the automatic repeal of this Act if its implementation is not  
8 permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, as of a certain date;  
9 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act regulating public instruction for the County of Richmond, approved August 23, 1872  
13 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 456), as amended, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of  
14 Section 1 of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

15 "(2) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Richmond County  
16 School District is divided into ten school board districts. One member of the board shall  
17 be elected from each such district. School Board Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall  
18 be and correspond to those eight numbered districts described in and attached to and  
19 made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: richrev3 Plan Type: Local  
20 User: Gina Administrator: Richmond Co. School Board District 9 shall be composed of  
21 a combination of School Board Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 as each is described in such plan.  
22 School Board District 10 shall be composed of a combination of School Board Districts  
23 3, 6, 7, and 8 as each is described in such plan."



1 December 31, 2002, and their respective successors shall be elected from School Board  
2 Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9 in the November, 2002, general election. The members elected  
3 from School Board Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9 in such election shall serve, beginning January  
4 1, 2003, for terms of four years each and until their respective successors are elected and  
5 qualified. Those members of the board who, under subsection (g) of this section, are  
6 deemed to be serving out their terms in School Board Districts 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10 shall serve  
7 until December 31, 2004, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

8 (i) At the November, 2004, general election, successors to those members of the board  
9 from School Board Districts 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10, all of whose terms expire December 31,  
10 2004, shall be elected to serve, beginning January 1, 2005, for terms of four years each and  
11 until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

12 (j) Successors to members of the board whose terms of office expire on or after December  
13 31, 2000, shall be elected at a nonpartisan election, without a prior nonpartisan primary,  
14 conducted at the November general election to be held on the Tuesday following the first  
15 Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of their respective terms of  
16 office, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following the date of their  
17 election, and shall have terms of office of four years each and until the election and  
18 qualification of their respective successors.

19 (k) Vacancies occurring on and after the date this subsection becomes effective in 2002,  
20 except those arising from expiration of terms, shall be filled as provided in this subsection.  
21 If the vacancy occurs at least 50 days prior to the date upon which the next special election  
22 may be conducted after the occurrence of that vacancy, as provided under Code Section 21-  
23 2-540 of the O.C.G.A., a special election to fill that vacancy shall be conducted on that date  
24 and shall be called by the election superintendent of Augusta-Richmond County at least 40  
25 days preceding that date. If the vacancy occurs less than 50 days prior to the date upon  
26 which the next special election may be conducted after the occurrence of that vacancy, as  
27 provided under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A., a special election may be  
28 conducted and shall be called by the election superintendent of Augusta-Richmond County  
29 at least 40 days preceding the date of such election. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall  
30 serve out the remainder of the unexpired term caused by that vacancy and until a successor  
31 is elected and qualified. Any candidates desiring to qualify in the special election provided  
32 for in this subsection to fill a vacancy shall have the residency requirements provided for  
33 in this section, and the candidates shall qualify and run for election as provided for in this  
34 section.

35 (l) Any vacancy to be filled on and after this subsection becomes effective in 2002 shall  
36 be filled from the reapportioned district."

