

House Bill 1698

By: Representatives Lucas of the 124th, Randall of the 127th, Reichert of the 126th, Ray of the 128th and Graves of the 125th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the Board of Public Education for Bibb County, approved
2 August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April
3 2, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5264), so as to provide for the number of members comprising the
4 board of education; to provide for the election of board members and filling vacancies; to
5 reapportion the education districts within the Bibb County School District; to provide for the
6 submission of this Act to the United States Attorney General; to provide effective dates; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the Board of Public Education for Bibb County, approved August 23,
11 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1992 (Ga.
12 L. 1992, p. 5264), is amended by striking Section 2A in its entirety and inserting in lieu
13 thereof the following:

14 **"SECTION 2A.**

15 The Board of Public Education for Bibb County shall consist of eight members. The
16 positions on the board shall be numbered as Posts 1 through 8, respectively, and shall be
17 filled as hereinafter provided."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2B in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
20 the following:

21 **"SECTION 2B.**

22 (a) In the 2002 general election, candidates shall be elected to fill Posts 7 and 8.
23 Candidates elected to the board in 2002 shall take office on the first day of January

1 following their election and shall serve for a term of office of four years and until their
 2 successors are duly elected and qualified. In the 2004 general election, candidates shall be
 3 elected to Posts 1 through 6. Candidates elected to the board in 2004 shall take office on
 4 the first day of January following their election and serve for a term of office of four years
 5 and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the
 6 elected members of the board shall be elected in the general election conducted
 7 immediately prior to the expiration of the term of office for which they offer as a candidate,
 8 shall take office on the first day of January following their election, and shall serve for a
 9 term of office of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

10 (b) Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled by the remaining members of the
 11 board appointing a qualified person to serve out the unexpired term of office in which the
 12 vacancies shall occur. All appointments to fill such vacancies shall be subject to the
 13 approval of the Bibb County Grand Jury in session at the time of the appointment."

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2E in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
 16 the following:

17 "SECTION 2E.

18 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the board, the Bibb County School District is
 19 divided into six education districts which shall correspond to Posts 1 through 6. The
 20 education districts shall be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and
 21 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: bibbsp2 Plan
 22 Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Bibb.

23 (b)(1) For purposes of this section, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
 24 and shall describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the
 25 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
 26 Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath
 27 a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as
 28 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
 29 of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

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

34 (3) Any part of the Bibb County School District which is described in this section as
 35 being in a particular education district shall nevertheless not be included within such

1 education district if such part is not contiguous to such education district. Such
2 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that education district contiguous to
3 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
4 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

5 (4) Posts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this
6 Act, shall continue to be designated as Posts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as newly
7 described under this Act; and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members
8 of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving
9 from and representing education districts as newly described under this Act."

10 **SECTION 4.**

11 It shall be the duty of the attorney for the Bibb County School District to submit this Act for
12 approval pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

13 **SECTION 5.**

14 This section and Section 4 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
15 election of members of the Board of Public Education for Bibb County in 2002 shall become
16 effective upon approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such
17 approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

18 **SECTION 6.**

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