

House Bill 1705

By: Representative Hudson of the 120<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Warren County, approved  
2 February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3651), so as to revise the districts for the election of  
3 members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for  
4 manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to  
5 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related  
6 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Warren County, approved February 4, 1993  
10 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3651), is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 and  
11 inserting in lieu thereof new subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

12 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Warren County  
13 School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be  
14 elected from each such district. The districts shall be and correspond to those five  
15 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
16 identified as Plan Name: warrsbwk4b Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator:  
17 Warren.

18 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
19 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
20 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
21 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
22 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
23 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
24 Georgia. Any part of Warren County which is not included in any such district described  
25 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which  
26 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for

1 the State of Georgia. Any part of Warren County which is described in that attachment as  
 2 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such  
 3 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included  
 4 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according  
 5 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise  
 6 provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of such district refers  
 7 to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the  
 8 census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof a new  
 11 Section 4 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 4.

13 (a) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in  
 14 November 1998 shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until  
 15 successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board of  
 16 education who were elected at the general election in November 2000 shall continue in  
 17 office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and  
 18 qualified as provided in this Act.

19 (b) The first members of the reconstituted board of education of Warren County from  
 20 Education Districts 1 and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2002. Such  
 21 members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and  
 22 until their successors are elected and qualified.

23 (c) The first members of the reconstituted board of education of Warren County from  
 24 Education Districts 2, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2004.  
 25 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four  
 26 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

27 (d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be  
 28 elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of  
 29 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and  
 30 until their successors are elected and qualified.

31 (e) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue  
 32 to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly  
 33 described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of  
 34 the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from  
 35 and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

1 (f) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in  
2 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of education of Warren County to submit this  
5 Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

6 **SECTION 4.**

7 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of  
8 members of the board of education of Warren County shall become effective upon its  
9 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act  
10 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

11 **SECTION 5.**

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