The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1358:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Candler County, approved January 15, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3529), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for qualifications and manner of election; to change the method of filling vacancies on said board of education; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Candler County, approved January 15, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3529), is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2.

(a) For the purpose of electing the members of the board of education, the Candler County School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each district. The five districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: candsbp1 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Candler. (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

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

- (c) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this section.
- (d) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in November, 1998, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in November, 2000, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act."

23 SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by striking Section 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 5 to read as follows:

26 "SECTION 5.

(a) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board of education when six or more months remain in the unexpired term of office, the election superintendent of Candler County, within 15 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue the call for a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended. Any person elected to fill a vacancy on the board of education as provided in this section shall possess the residency and other qualifications required for the office. Any person elected in such special election to fill such a vacancy

shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of such special election and qualification.

(b) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board of education when less than six months remain in the unexpired term of office, the remaining members of the board of education shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Any person appointed by the board of education to fill a vacancy as provided in this section shall possess the residency and other qualifications required for the office and shall take office immediately upon appointment and qualification."

9 SECTION 3.

It is the purpose of Section 1 of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of Education of Candler County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

18 SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of members of the Board of Education of Candler County and relating to the method of filling vacancies on said board shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

SECTION 6.

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

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2 Redistricting Plan Components Report
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