

House Bill 1737

By: Representative James of the 140th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the board of education for the Macon County School District,
2 approved March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4112), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4137), so as to revise the districts for the election of
4 members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
5 method of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related
7 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the board of education for the Macon County School District, approved
11 March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4112), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 and
12 inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 1 to read as follows:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 (a) There shall be a board of education for the Macon County School District.

15 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Macon County
16 School District shall be divided into five education districts which shall be and correspond
17 to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
18 and further identified as Plan Name: maconwk Plan Type: Local User: staff
19 Administrator: Macon Co.

20 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
21 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
22 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
23 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
24 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
25 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

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

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

18 (e) The first members of the reconstituted board of education of Macon County from
19 Education Districts 1, 2, and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2002.
20 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four
21 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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