

House Bill 1765

By: Representatives Hudson of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 165<sup>th</sup> and Holland of the 157<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Tift County Board of Education, approved March 31,  
2 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2722), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986  
3 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5262), and an Act approved February 16, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3538), so  
4 as to redistrict the Tift County Board of Education; to change the description of the education  
5 districts; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members; to provide for  
6 related matters; to provide for a certain submission; to provide effective dates; to repeal  
7 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 Tift County Board of Education, approved March 31, 1971 (Ga. L.  
11 1971, p. 2722), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986,  
12 p. 5262), and an Act approved February 16, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3538), is amended by  
13 striking Section 2 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

14 "SECTION 2.

15 (a) For purposes of electing members of the Tift County Board of Education, the Tift  
16 County School District shall be divided into seven education districts, and six of those  
17 districts shall be and correspond to those six numbered districts described in and attached  
18 to and made part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan Name: tiftccsbwk3re Plan Type:  
19 LOCAL User: staff Administrator: CNTY-TIFT'.

20 (b) Education District 7 shall consist of all of Tift County.

21 (c)(1) For purposes of this section:

22 (A) The terms 'Tract' and 'BG' shall mean and describe the same geographical  
23 boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States  
24 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia; and

1 (B) The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a  
2 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as  
3 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
4 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

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

9 (3) Any part of the Tift County School District which is described in this section as being  
10 included in a particular education district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
11 education district if such part is not contiguous to such education district. Such  
12 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that education district contiguous to  
13 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
14 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

15 (d) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as they existed on January 1, 2002, shall  
16 continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but as  
17 newly described under this section on and after the date this subsection becomes effective  
18 in 2002, and members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be  
19 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
20 under this section."

## 21 SECTION 2.

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

## 30 SECTION 3.

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

