

House Bill 1794

By: Representatives Scheid of the 17th, Grasse of the 16th and Pinholster of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the numbering of positions of membership on the Cherokee
2 County Board of Education, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5044), so as to revise the
4 districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and
5 inclusions; to provide for manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for
6 preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to
7 provide for related matters; 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 numbering of positions of membership on the Cherokee County
11 Board of Education, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended,
12 particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5044), is amended by
13 striking Section 2 and inserting a new Section 2 to read as follows:

14 **"SECTION 2.**

15 (a) For the purpose of electing members to the Cherokee County Board of Education, the
16 Cherokee County School District is divided into seven education districts which shall be
17 and correspond to those seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made
18 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: chersb5 Plan Type: LOCAL User:
19 Blake Administrator: Cherokee Co.

20 (b) 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 Cherokee 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 Cherokee County which is described in that attachment
5 as 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 (c) The present members of the board of education shall serve for the terms of office for
13 which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in
14 Section 3. Members of the board of education shall be deemed to represent the education
15 district provided for in subsection (a) of this section which number corresponds to the
16 education district for which they were elected. Beginning with the primary and general
17 elections held in 2002 and thereafter at which members of the board of education are
18 elected, members shall be elected from the education districts provided for in subsection (a)
19 of this section."

20 SECTION 2.

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

24 SECTION 3.

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