

House Bill 1780

By: Representative Parrish of the 144th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of
2 Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, so as to
3 change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions;
4 to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms
5 of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under
6 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for 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 composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel
11 County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, is amended by striking
12 Section 1 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

13 **"SECTION 1.**

14 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Emanuel County who are serving as such
15 immediately prior to June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such
16 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their
17 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective
18 successors. On and after June 1, 2002, the Board of Education of Emanuel County shall
19 consist of seven members all of whom shall be elected from education districts described
20 in subsection (b) of this section. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as they exist
21 immediately prior to June 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts
22 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after
23 June 1, 2002, such members of the board serving from those former education districts
24 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly
25 described under this Act.

1 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Emanuel County
2 School District is divided into seven education districts. The seven education districts shall
3 be and correspond to those seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made
4 a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: emansb2 Plan Type: Local User:
5 staff Administrator: Emanuel.

6 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
7 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
8 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
9 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
10 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
11 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
12 Georgia. Any part of the Emanuel County School District which is not included in any
13 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous
14 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
15 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Emanuel County School District
16 which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not
17 be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
18 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
19 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
20 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education
21 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
22 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
23 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
30 election of members of the Board of Education of Emanuel County in 2002 shall become
31 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
32 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

33 **SECTION 4.**

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