

House Bill 1801

By: Representative Holland of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the election of a chairperson and four members of the Worth
2 County Board of Education, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3719), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5975), so as to reapportion
4 the education districts; to define certain terms; to provide for members currently serving; to
5 provide for the submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to provide
6 for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to provide for the election of a chairperson and four members of the Worth County
11 Board of Education, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3719), as amended,
12 particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5975), is amended by
13 striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "(a) The Worth County Board of Education shall consist of a chairperson and four
15 additional members. The chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the voters
16 voting from the Worth County School District at large, and the other four members shall
17 be elected from education districts by a majority of voters voting from each district. The
18 chairperson and district members of the board shall serve for terms of four years and until
19 their successors are elected and qualified. For the purpose of electing such members, the
20 Worth County School District shall be divided into four education districts which shall be
21 and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a
22 part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: worth3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina
23 Administrator: Worth Co.

24 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
25 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
26 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The

1 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
2 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
3 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
4 Georgia. Any part of the Worth County School District which is not included in any such
5 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such
6 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
7 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Worth County School District which is
8 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be
9 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
10 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
11 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
12 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any
13 commissioner district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it
14 shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the
15 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Worth County School District to submit this Act for
27 approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

28 **SECTION 4.**

29 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
30 members of the board of education of Worth County shall become effective upon its approval
31 by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall
32 otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

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SECTION 5.

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