

House Bill 1815

By: Representatives Cummings of the 27th and Murphy of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new Board of Education for Polk County, approved March 28,
2 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4985), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1994
3 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4353), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board
4 of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing a new Board of Education for Polk County, approved March 28, 1985
10 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4985), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 29, 1994
11 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4353), is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new
12 Section 1 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) The Board of Education of Polk County shall be composed of nine members who shall
15 be elected as provided in this Act. For the purpose of electing members of the board, Polk
16 County shall be divided into nine education districts which shall be and correspond to those
17 nine numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
18 identified as Plan Name: polksbwk2 Plan Type: LOCAL User: Shantee Administrator:
19 CNTY-POLK.

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
26 Georgia. Any part of Polk County which is not included in any such district described in

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

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 The members of the board serving on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve the
13 new education district the number of which corresponds to the education district from which
14 they were elected for the remainder of their terms and until their successors are elected and
15 qualified.

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

19 **SECTION 4.**

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