

House Bill 1821

By: Representative Coleman of the 142<sup>nd</sup> and Byrd of the 170<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the board of education of Telfair County, approved April 11,  
2 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), as amended, so as to redistrict the board of education of Telfair  
3 County; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the continuation  
4 in office of the current members and the election of subsequent members; to provide for  
5 related matters; to provide for a certain submission; to provide an effective date; to provide  
6 for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reconstituting the board of education of Telfair County, as amended, approved  
10 April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2 and  
11 inserting in its place a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.

13 (a)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Telfair County  
14 School District shall be divided into seven education districts. Education Districts 1  
15 through 7 shall consist of the described territory of the Telfair County School District  
16 attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified as 'Plan Name: telfsbp1  
17 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Telfair co'.

18 (2) For purposes of this section:

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

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

1 (C) Any part of the Telfair County School District which is not included in any  
2 education district described in this section shall be included within that education  
3 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the  
4 United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia; and

5 (D) Any part of the Telfair County School District which is described in this section  
6 as being included in a particular education district shall nevertheless not be included  
7 within such education district if such part is not contiguous to such education district.  
8 Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that education district  
9 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United  
10 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

## 11 **SECTION 2.**

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

## 20 **SECTION 3.**

21 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Telfair County board of education to submit this Act  
22 for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

## 23 **SECTION 4.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
25 without such approval and shall apply to all elections and filling of vacancies on the Telfair  
26 County board of education on or after the effective date.

## 27 **SECTION 5.**

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