

House Bill 1826

By: Representative Crawford of the 129th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Pike
2 County, approved April 18, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3152), as amended, so as to change the
3 description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
4 continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of
5 subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Pike County,
11 approved April 18, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3152), as amended, is amended by striking
12 Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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"SECTION 1.

15 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Pike County who are serving as such on
16 December 31, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall
17 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
18 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after
19 January 1, 2003, the Board of Education of Pike County shall consist of six members all
20 of whom shall be elected from education districts described in subsection (b) of this
21 section.

22 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Pike County School
23 District is divided into six education districts. One member of the board shall be elected
24 from each such district. The six education districts shall be and correspond to those six
25 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
26 identified as Plan Name: pikesbp1 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Pike.

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

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

21 "SECTION 3.

22 The members of the Board of Education of Pike County shall be elected as provided in this
23 section. The members from Education Districts 1, 2, and 6 shall be elected at the general
24 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002. Those
25 members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 1, 2, and 6 in 2002 shall
26 take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for
27 initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2006, and upon the election and
28 qualification of their respective successors. The members from Education Districts 3, 4,
29 and 5 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first
30 Monday in November, 2004. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education
31 Districts 3, 4, and 5 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January immediately following
32 that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2008, and
33 upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future
34 successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at
35 the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such

1 terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and
2 shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the
3 terms of office specified therefor in this section and until their respective successors are
4 elected and qualified."

5 **SECTION 3.**

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

8 **SECTION 4.**

9 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
10 election of members of the Board of Education of Pike County in 2002 shall become
11 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
12 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

13 **SECTION 5.**

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