

House Bill 1839

By: Representative Byrd of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Jeff
2 Davis County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 2760), as amended, so as to change
3 the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide
4 for 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 Jeff Davis
11 County, approved March 27, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 2760), as amended, is amended by
12 striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof the
13 following:

14 "(a) Those members of the Board of Education of Jeff Davis County who are serving as
15 such immediately prior to June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any
16 such 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 Jeff Davis County shall
19 consist of seven members, five of whom shall be elected from education districts described
20 in subsection (b) of this section and two of whom shall be elected at large as provided in
21 subsection (c) of this section. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist
22 immediately prior to June 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts
23 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June
24 1, 2002, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be
25 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
26 under this Act.

1 (b)(1) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the two
 2 members who are elected at large, the Jeff Davis County School District is divided into
 3 five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such
 4 district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered
 5 districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
 6 Plan Name: jeffdccsbwk2 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator: Jeff Davis.

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

26 SECTION 2.

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

30 SECTION 3.

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

- 1 **SECTION 4.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.