

Senate Bill 12EX1

By: Senator Cable of the 27<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Lamar County Board of  
2 Education, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2710), as amended, so as to  
3 reconstitute the board of education; to change the description of the education districts; to  
4 provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current  
5 members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for  
6 submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
7 amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting 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 Lamar County Board of Education,  
11 approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2710), as amended, is amended by striking  
12 Sections 1 through 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 The Board of Education of Lamar County which existed on December 31, 2001, is  
15 continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2002, shall be constituted as provided  
16 in this Act. The Board of Education of Lamar County so continued and constituted,  
17 sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue to have the powers, duties,  
18 rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1,  
19 2002.

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Lamar County who are serving as such  
22 on December 31, 2001, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
23 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
24 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after

1 January 1, 2002, the Board of Education of Lamar County shall consist of five members  
2 all of whom shall be elected from education districts described in subsection (b) of this  
3 section except for the member who is elected at large as provided in Section 3.

4 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the member  
5 elected at large, the Lamar County School District is divided into four education districts.  
6 One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The four education  
7 districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached  
8 to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: lamarccsb1 Plan Type:  
9 Local User: Angela Administrator: Lamar County.

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

### 28 SECTION 3.

29 (a) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office  
30 pursuant to Code Sections 45-2-1 and 20-2-51 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law  
31 applicable to that office.

32 (b) In order to be elected as a member of the board from an education district, a person  
33 must receive the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that  
34 district only. Only electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a  
35 member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member  
36 of the board from an education district, each candidate for such office shall specify the

1 education district for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as  
 2 a member of the board from an education district must continue to reside in that district  
 3 during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

4 (c) The member of the board who is elected at large may reside anywhere within the  
 5 Lamar County School District and, if elected, must receive the number of votes cast for that  
 6 office as required by general law in the entire school district. The member of the board  
 7 elected at large must continue to reside within the school district during that person's term  
 8 of office or that office shall become vacant.

### 9 SECTION 3A.

10 (a) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Lamar County shall be  
 11 elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in  
 12 November 2002. The member of the board elected at large and those members of the board  
 13 elected thereto from Education Districts 2 and 4 in 2002 shall take office the first day of  
 14 January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which  
 15 expire December 31, 2006, and until the election and qualification of their respective  
 16 successors. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 1 and 3  
 17 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and  
 18 shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2008, and until the  
 19 election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors  
 20 to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of  
 21 the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall  
 22 take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for  
 23 terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office  
 24 specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and  
 25 qualified.

26 (b) Education Districts 1 through 4, as they exist on December 31, 2001, shall continue to  
 27 be designated as Education Districts 1 through 4, respectively, but as newly described  
 28 under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2002, such members of the board serving from  
 29 those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
 30 respective districts as newly described under this section.

31 (c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in  
 32 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code'."

### 33 SECTION 2.

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



District 001

Lamar County

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Tract: 9702

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District 002

Lamar County

Tract: 9701

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District 003

Lamar County

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District 004

Lamar County

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