

House Bill 623

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Bartow County, approved March
2 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4915), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997
3 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3891), so as to change the method of filling vacancies on said board; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Bartow County, approved March
8 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4915), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 14, 1997
9 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3891), is amended by striking Section 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu
10 thereof a new Section 5 to read as follows:

11 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 5.

12 In case of a vacancy on the board by death, resignation, or any cause other than the
13 expiration of term of office, such vacancy shall be filled as follows:

14 (1) If the vacancy occurs more than 180 days prior to the date of a general election
15 preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of
16 office, then a special election shall be called by the election superintendent of Bartow
17 County within 120 days after the vacancy occurs to fill the vacancy for the remainder of
18 the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and conducted as provided in
19 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter
20 amended.

21 (2) If the vacancy occurs less than 180 days prior to the date of a general election
22 preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of
23 office, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a special
24 election to be held on the same date as said general election preceding the general
25 election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office; and

1 (3) A person filling a vacancy on the board shall be required to be a resident of the
2 education district from which his or her predecessor was elected and such successor to
3 fill a vacancy shall be elected from the education district in the same manner as his or her
4 predecessor."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.