

House Bill 920

By: Representative Powell of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hart County and
2 provide for its powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities," approved March 30, 1993
3 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4215), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide
4 for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to
5 provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of
6 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act entitled "An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Hart County and provide
10 for its powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities," approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L.
11 1993, p. 4215), is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2
12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Hart County School
14 District is divided into five education districts which shall correspond to Education
15 Districts 1 through 5. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five
16 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
17 identified as Plan Name: hartwk12 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Hart Co.
18 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
19 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
20 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
21 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
22 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
23 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
24 Georgia. Any part of the Hart County School District which is not included in any such
25 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such
26 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census

1 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Hart County School District which is
2 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be
3 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
4 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
5 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000
6 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education
7 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
8 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
9 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

10 (d) Education Districts 1 through 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date
11 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1 through 5, respectively,
12 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such
13 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be
14 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 The Board of Education of Hart County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
17 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
18 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
19 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
20 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

21 **SECTION 3.**

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