

House Bill 589 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Buckner of the 109<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 110<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Talbot County, approved April  
2 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4710), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997  
3 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3687), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board  
4 of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act  
5 for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;  
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Talbot County, approved April 5, 1993  
10 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4710), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L.  
11 1997, p. 3687), is amended by striking Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section  
12 2 to read as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (a) For the purpose of electing members to the Talbot County Board of Education, the  
15 Talbot County School District is divided into five education districts which shall be and  
16 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part  
17 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: talbot3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina  
18 Administrator: Talbot Co.

19 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
20 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
21 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
22 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
23 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
24 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of

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

12 (c) The present members of the board of education shall serve for the terms of office for  
13 which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified. Members of  
14 the board of education shall be deemed to represent the education district provided for in  
15 subsection (a) of this section which number corresponds to the education district for which  
16 they were elected. Beginning with the primary and general elections held in 2004 and  
17 thereafter at which members of the board of education are elected, members shall be  
18 elected from the education districts provided for in subsection (a) of this section."

## 19 SECTION 2.

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

## 25 SECTION 3.

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