

House Bill 1719 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hudson of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Glascock
2 County," approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3725), so as to revise the districts for the
3 election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to
4 provide for method of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance
5 pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for
6 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 entitled "An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Glascock County,"
10 approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3725), is amended by striking subsection (b) of
11 Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Glascock County
13 School District shall be divided into five education districts which shall be and correspond
14 to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act
15 and further identified as Plan Name: glassb3 Plan Type: Local User: staff Administrator:
16 Glascock Co. Education District 5 shall include all of the territory in the Glascock County
17 School District.

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 Glascock County which is not included in any such district described
25 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
26 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for

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

9 (d) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in
10 November, 2002, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until
11 successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board of
12 education who were elected at the general election in November, 2000, shall continue in
13 office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and
14 qualified as provided in this Act.

15 (e) Successors to the members of the board of education of Glascock County from
16 Education Districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2004.
17 Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four
18 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

19 (f) Successors to the members of the board of education of Glascock County from
20 Education Districts 3 and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2006. Such
21 members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
22 until their successors are elected and qualified.

23 (g) Successors to members elected under subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall be
24 elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
25 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
26 until their successors are elected and qualified.

27 (h) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2004, shall continue
28 to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly
29 described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of
30 the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from
31 and representing their respective districts as newly described under this section."

32 SECTION 2.

33 The Board of Education of Glascock County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
34 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
35 as amended, and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice

1 or filed with the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is
2 approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

3 **SECTION 3.**

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