

House Bill 844

By: Representative Coleman of the 144th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Dodge
2 County, approved March 6, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3507), as amended, so as to reapportion
3 the education districts for election of the members of said board of education; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Dodge County,
8 approved March 6, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3507), as amended, is amended by striking Section
9 1 and inserting in its place a new Section 1 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board of education of Dodge County, the
12 Dodge County School District is divided into seven education districts. Those districts
13 shall consist of the described territory of Dodge County attached to this Act and made a
14 part hereof and further identified as Plan Name: DODGESB5R Plan Type: local
15 User: staff Administrator: Dodge Co.

16 (b) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
17 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
18 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
19 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
20 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
21 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
22 Georgia. Any part of the Dodge County School District which is not included in any such
23 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such
24 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census
25 of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Dodge County School District which is

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

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Said Act is further amended by striking the attachment thereto which described Education
11 Districts No. 1 through 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the attachment to this amendatory Act
12 which is made a part hereof and further identified as Plan Name: DODGESB5R Plan Type:
13 local User: staff Administrator: Dodge Co.

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of
16 Education of Dodge County are to be elected in 2006 and in subsequent elections, and this
17 Act results from changes in population based on the United States decennial census of 2000.
18 It is not the intention of the General Assembly to affect the membership of current members
19 of the board, their terms of office, or the manner in which their successors shall be elected,
20 and such matters shall remain as provided by law on the effective date of this Act until
21 otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of reapportioning the districts represented
22 by such members.

23 **SECTION 4.**

24 The Board of Education of Dodge County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
25 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
26 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
27 appropriate court no later than 90 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
28 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

29 **SECTION 5.**

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