

House Bill 885 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing a board of education of Coffee County, approved March 10,  
2 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as amended, particularly by an Act approved October 25, 2001  
3 (Ga. L. 2001, Ex. Sess., p. 755), so as to provide that the members of the board of education  
4 shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
5 preclearance of this Act pursuant to the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to  
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act establishing a board of education of Coffee County, approved March 10, 1970  
10 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as amended, particularly by an Act approved October 25, 2001 (Ga.  
11 L. 2001, Ex. Sess., p. 755), is amended by striking subsection (c) of Section 2B and inserting  
12 in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

13 "(c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be elected in nonpartisan  
14 elections as authorized under Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. and in accordance  
15 with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 The board of education of Coffee County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be  
18 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, not  
19 later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise  
20 becomes law without such approval.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.