

Senate Bill 589

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Grant of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a Board of Education of Jones County, approved March 21, 1984
2 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003
3 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3836), so as to provide for the election of members of the Board of
4 Education of Jones County in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a Board of Education of Jones County, approved March 21, 1984
9 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003
10 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3836), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2 and inserting a new
11 subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) The chairperson may reside anywhere within Jones County and shall be elected by the
13 voters of the entire county. Each other member must be a resident of the district the
14 member represents and shall be elected only by the voters of that district. All elections
15 shall be by majority vote. All elections for the Board of Education of Jones County
16 conducted after June 1, 2006, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code
17 Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction
18 with the November general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of
19 office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia
20 Election Code.'"

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of any member of the Board of Education
23 of Jones County in office on June 1, 2006. The sitting members shall serve out the terms of
24 office for which they were elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

SECTION 3.

The Board of Education of Jones County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.