

House Bill 723 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the board of education for
2 Charlton County, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3952), as amended, so as to
3 change provisions relating to board of education districts; to provide for members currently
4 serving; to provide for submission of this Act to the United States Department of Justice; to
5 repeal a specific Act; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the election of the members of the board of education for Charlton
10 County, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3952), as amended, is amended by revising
11 Section 2 as follows:

12 "(a) For the purposes of electing members of the board of education, Charlton County shall
13 be divided into and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached
14 to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: charccsb6 Plan Type:
15 Local User: Blake Administrator: Charlton.

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 Charlton 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 Charlton 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 board of
6 education district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall
7 mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United
8 States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
11 education of Charlton County are to be elected in the November, 2008, general election and
12 in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based on the
13 United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly to
14 affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the manner
15 in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided by law
16 on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent of
17 reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

18 **SECTION 3.**

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

24 **SECTION 4.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 5.**

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