

Senate Bill 90

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County,
2 approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3637), so as to revise provisions relating to terms
4 of office; to provide for staggered terms of office; to provide for term limits; to provide for
5 related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting
6 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, approved
10 March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
11 May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3637), is amended by revising Section 3 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 (a) The president of the board of education in office on January 1, 2011, shall serve out the
14 remainder of the term to which he was elected, such term expiring on December 31, 2012.

15 At the general election in 2012 and every four years thereafter, the president shall be
16 elected pursuant to this Act and shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her
17 successor is elected and qualified and shall take office on January 1 immediately following
18 his or her election. No president may succeed himself or herself in office more than once.

19 (b) The members of the board of education in office on January 1, 2011, representing
20 Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 7 shall serve out the remainder of the terms to which they
21 were elected, such terms expiring on December 31, 2012. At the general election in 2012
22 and every four years thereafter, members of the board shall be elected from Education
23 Districts 1, 2, 3, and 7 pursuant to this Act and shall serve for terms of four years and until
24 their successors are elected and qualified and shall take office on January 1 immediately

25 following their election. No member may succeed himself or herself in office more than
26 once.

27 (c) The members of the board of education in office on January 1, 2011, representing
28 Education Districts 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall serve out the remainder of the terms to which they
29 were elected, such terms expiring on December 31, 2012. At the general election in 2012,
30 members of the board shall be elected from Education Districts 4, 5, 6, and 8 pursuant to
31 this Act and shall serve for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and
32 qualified and shall take office on January 1 immediately following their election.
33 Thereafter, successors to such members shall be elected in the 2014 general election and
34 every four years thereafter, shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are
35 elected and qualified, and shall take office on January 1 immediately following their
36 election. No member may succeed himself or herself in office more than once.

37 (d) All primaries and elections under this Act shall be held in accordance with Chapter 2
38 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah
41 and the County of Chatham to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the
42 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

43 **SECTION 3.**

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