

Senate Bill 195

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the election of members of the Board of  
2 Education of Brantley County," approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3937), as amended,  
3 so as to provide for nonpartisan elections for such members; to provide for submission for  
4 preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; 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 entitled "An Act to provide for the election of members of the Board of Education  
9 of Brantley County," approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3937), as amended, is  
10 amended by revising Section 2 of Article II as follows:

11 "Section 2. Candidates offering for election to said board of education shall designate the  
12 education post for which they are offering. There shall be elected one member from each  
13 of said posts. No person shall be eligible as a candidate for election to said board of  
14 education unless he shall have been a bona fide resident of Brantley County for at least one  
15 year immediately preceding the date of the election. Candidates shall be elected by a  
16 majority vote of the qualified voters of the entire county voting in an election conducted  
17 for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Education of Brantley County. All  
18 members shall be elected in nonpartisan elections held and conducted in conjunction with  
19 the November general election as authorized in Code Section 20-2-56 and as provided in  
20 Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. All elections shall be conducted in accordance  
21 with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 The Board of Education of Brantley County shall cause, through its legal counsel, this Act  
24 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,

25 as amended, within 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or  
26 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.