

Senate Bill 268

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

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 that future elections for board of education members
4 shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis; to provide for applicability; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide for submission for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal
6 Voting 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 creating a Board of Education of Jones County, approved March 21, 1984
10 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003
11 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3836), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2 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 shall be a resident of the district the
14 member represents and shall be elected by only the voters of that district. All elections
15 shall be by majority vote. On and after July 1, 2011, all elections for chairperson and
16 member of the board of education 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 and conducted
18 as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of the chairperson and members of the
21 Board of Education of Jones County in office on July 1, 2011. The sitting chairperson and
22 members of the board of education shall serve out the terms of office for which they were
23 elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves as provided by law.

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SECTION 3.

25 The Board of Education of Jones County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
26 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later
27 than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise
28 becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.