

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing in DeKalb County districts from which members of the county
2 board of education shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as
3 amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4536), so as to
4 provide for a reduction in the members of the board of education from nine to seven; to
5 provide for education districts for such members; to provide for the manner of election and
6 terms of office; to provide for the continuation in office of certain members; to provide for
7 related matters; to provide for submission of this Act under Section 5 of the Voting Rights
8 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act establishing in DeKalb County districts from which members of the county board of
13 education shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended,
14 particularly by an Act approved April 2, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4536), is amended by revising
15 Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

16 "SECTION 1.

17 (a) There is created the board of education of DeKalb County. Until December 31, 2012,
18 the board of education shall consist of nine members. On and after January 1, 2013, the
19 board of education shall consist of seven members as provided in this Act, and two seats
20 shall be abolished on December 31, 2012.

21 SECTION 2.

22 (a) The members of the board of education in office on July 1, 2012, shall serve out the
23 terms of office to which they were elected.

24 (b) The General Assembly by local law, to be effective on January 1, 2013, shall divide
25 DeKalb County into seven single-member education districts for purposes of electing the

26 members of the board of education. On January 1, 2013, the members of the board of
27 education representing former Education Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 shall be deemed to be
28 representing the new districts in which their respective residences are located. In the 2012
29 nonpartisan general election, members shall be elected to the remaining two districts of the
30 new seven-member board of education and shall take office on January 1, 2013. No
31 election shall be held for the other seats on the former nine-member board of education,
32 and such seats shall be abolished on December 31, 2012, with the expiration of such
33 members' terms of office.

34 (c) Successors to the members of the new seven-member board of education whose terms
35 of office are to expire shall be elected at the nonpartisan general election held immediately
36 prior to the expiration of such terms of office, shall take office on the first day of January
37 following such election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years and until their
38 respective successors are elected and qualified."

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 It shall be the duty of the board of education of DeKalb County through its legal counsel to
41 submit this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
42 amended, within 30 days of its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such
43 approval.

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 This section, the provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the purpose of
46 conducting the 2012 election of members of the board of education of DeKalb County, and
47 Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its
48 becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall be effective on
49 January 1, 2013.

50 **SECTION 4.**

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