

Senate Bill 306

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th and Golden of the 8th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Thomas County, approved  
2 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4321), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 11, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3898), so as to change the description of the education  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of  
5 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting  
6 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;  
7 and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the Board of Education of Thomas County, approved March 30, 1989  
11 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4321), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2002  
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3898), is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) of Section 2 of said  
13 Act and inserting in their place the following:

14 "(a) The Board of Education of Thomas County shall consist of seven members. For  
15 purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Thomas County School  
16 District is divided into seven education districts. The seven education districts shall be and  
17 correspond to those seven numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part  
18 of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: thomassb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator:  
19 thomas sb User: bak'.

20 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

21 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
23 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
24 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual  
25 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
26 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

27 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
 28 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
 29 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
 30 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

31 (2) Any part of Thomas County which is not included in any district described in  
 32 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 33 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of  
 34 2010 for the State of Georgia.

35 (3) Any part of Thomas County which is described in subsection (a) of this section as  
 36 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
 37 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
 38 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
 39 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
 40 Georgia."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Thomas County who are serving as such  
 43 on January 1, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
 44 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
 45 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

46 (b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as they exist immediately prior to  
 47 January 1, 2013, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,  
 48 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013, such  
 49 members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be  
 50 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 The Board of Education of Thomas County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to  
 53 be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
 54 amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor  
 55 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

56 **SECTION 4.**

57 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the  
 58 election of members of the Board of Education of Thomas County in 2012 shall become  
 59 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
 60 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

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**SECTION 5.**

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

63 Plan:thomassb-2012

64 Plan Type: Local

65 Administrator: thomas sb

66 User: bak

67 District 001

68 Thomas County

69 VTD: 275102 - BOSTON

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140 District 004

141 Thomas County

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