

House Bill 709

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup> and Tankersley of the 158<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of  
2 Bryan County, approved March 16, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3774), as amended, specifically  
3 by an Act approved September 15, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001 Ex. Sess., p. 290), so as to reconstitute  
4 the board of education; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for  
5 continuation in office of certain current board members; to provide for election and terms of  
6 office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under  
7 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Bryan  
12 County, approved March 16, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3774), as amended, specifically by an Act  
13 approved September 15, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001 Ex. Sess., p. 290), is amended by revising  
14 subsections (a) through (d) of Section 1 as follows:

15 "(a) The Board of Education of Bryan County which existed on December 31, 2012, is  
16 continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2013, shall be constituted as provided  
17 in this Act. The Board of Education of Bryan County so continued and constituted,  
18 sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue to have the powers, duties,  
19 rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1,  
20 2013. Those members of the Board of Education of Bryan County who are serving as such  
21 on December 31, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
22 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
23 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after  
24 January 1, 2013, the Board of Education of Bryan County shall consist of seven members,  
25 five of whom shall be elected from education districts described in subsection (b) of this

section and two of whom shall be elected at large as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b)(1) For the purpose of electing the members of the board of education, there shall be seven member posts on the board. The member elected to Post 1 shall be the chairperson of the board and shall be elected from the county school district at large by the qualified voters of the entire county school district. The member elected to Post 2 shall be the vice chairperson of the board and shall be elected from the county school district at large by the qualified voters of the entire county school district. The member elected to Post 3 shall be a resident of Education District 1 and shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within Education District 1. The member elected to Post 4 shall be a resident of Education District 2 and shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within Education District 2. The member elected to Post 5 shall be a resident of Education District 5 and shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within Education District 5. The member elected to Post 6 shall be a resident of Education District 3 and shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within Education District 3. The member elected to Post 7 shall be a resident of Education District 4 and shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within Education District 4. Candidates for election to the board shall designate the numbered post on the board for which they offer as a candidate.

(2)(A) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the chairperson and vice chairperson, the Bryan County School District is divided into five education districts. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan: bryanccsb-2011re1 Plan Type: Local User: bak.

(B) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Bryan County School District which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Bryan County School District which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population

63 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.  
64 Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education district, whenever the  
65 description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
66 boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial  
67 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

68 (c)(1) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such  
69 office pursuant to Code Sections 45-2-1 and 20-2-51 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general  
70 law applicable to that office.

71 (2) In order to be elected as a member of the board from an education district, a person  
72 must receive the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that  
73 district only. Only electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a  
74 member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member  
75 of the board from a post, each candidate for such office shall specify the post and  
76 education district, where applicable, for which that person is a candidate. A person  
77 elected or appointed as a member of the board from an education district must continue  
78 to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall become  
79 vacant. The member of the board who is chairperson of the board and the member of the  
80 board who is vice chairperson of the board may reside anywhere within the Bryan County  
81 School District and, if elected, must receive the number of votes cast for that office as  
82 required by general law in the entire school district. The chairperson and vice  
83 chairperson must continue to reside within the school district during that person's term  
84 of office or that office shall become vacant.

85 (d)(1) The members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Bryan County shall be  
86 elected as provided in this subsection. Posts 1 through 7, as they exist on December 31,  
87 2012, shall continue to be designated as Posts 1 through 7, respectively, but as newly  
88 described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013, such members of the board  
89 serving from those former posts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
90 respective posts as newly described under this section. The members serving from Posts  
91 1, 3, 5, and 7 on December 31, 2012, shall serve the remainder of their respective terms  
92 which shall expire December 31, 2014, and until their respective successors are duly  
93 elected and qualified. The members serving from Posts 2, 4, and 6 on December 31,  
94 2012, shall serve the remainder of their respective terms which shall expire December 31,  
95 2012, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, all  
96 members shall be elected in the November general election immediately preceding the  
97 expiration of their respective terms of office and shall take office on the first day of  
98 January following their election for a term of office of four years each and until their  
99 respective successors are duly elected and qualified. All members of the board who are

100 elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21  
101 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

102 (2) Education Districts 1 through 5, as they exist on December 31, 2012, shall continue  
103 to be designated as Education Districts 1 through 5, respectively, but as newly described  
104 under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013, such members of the board serving from  
105 those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
106 respective districts as newly described under this Act."

## 107 **SECTION 2.**

108 Said Act is further amended by repealing the attachment thereto containing the former  
109 descriptions of education districts which is identified as Plan Name: bryanccsbwk6 Plan  
110 Type: LOCAL User: PaulH Administrator: Bryan.

## 111 **SECTION 3.**

112 The Board of Education of Bryan County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be  
113 submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and  
114 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the  
115 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
116 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

## 117 **SECTION 4.**

118 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
119 without such approval.

## 120 **SECTION 5.**

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

District 001  
Bryan County  
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District 002  
Bryan County  
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