

House Bill 812 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Hightower of the 68th, Bruce of the 64th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Douglas County Board of Education, approved April 13, 1982, (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4786), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5149), so as to provide for the continuation in office of current members of the board of education; to change the description of the education districts; to define certain terms; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Douglas County Board of Education, approved April 13, 1982, (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4786), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5149), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

"SECTION 1.

(a) Those members of the Board of Education of Douglas County who are serving as such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office, shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, Douglas County is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. Such 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: douglassbR-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: douglas sb User: SE'.

(c) For the purposes of such plan:

(1) The term 'VTD' 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; and

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

(d) Any part of Douglas County which is not included in any district described in subsection (b) of this section 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.

(e) Any part of Douglas County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as being included 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 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

(g) In order to be elected as a member of the board from an education district, a person must receive the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that district only and not at large. Only electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from an education district, each candidate for such office shall specify the education district for which that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from an education district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

(h) The members of the reconstituted Douglas County Board of Education shall be elected as provided in this subsection. The first members from Education Districts 1 and 5 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 1 and 5 in 2012 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The first members from

Education Districts 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 2, 3, and 4 in 2014 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2018, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(i)(1) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

(2) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code'.

(j) The chairperson of the board of education shall be compensated in equal monthly installments from the general funds of the board of education the sum of 20 percent of the base salary for a superior court judge as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 45-7-4. The vice chairperson of the board of education shall be compensated in equal monthly installments from the general funds of the board of education the sum of 18 percent of the base salary for a superior court judge as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 45-7-4. The remaining board members shall be compensated in equal monthly installments from the general funds of the board of education the sum of 16 percent of the base salary for a superior court judge as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 45-7-4. The members of the board of education shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out approved board of education business while outside the county. All expenses so incurred shall be paid from the general funds of the board of education on a monthly basis."

SECTION 2.

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

98 **SECTION 3.**

99 If, as of the first date upon which candidates may begin qualifying for the general primary
100 in 2012, implementation of this Act is not permissible under the federal Voting Rights Act
101 of 1965, as amended, then as of such date this Act shall be void and stand repealed in its
102 entirety.

103 **SECTION 4.**

104 For the purpose of conducting elections in 2012, this Act shall become effective upon its
105 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other
106 purposes, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

107 **SECTION 5.**

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

Plan: douglassbR-2012
Plan Type: local
Administrator: douglas sb
User: SE

District 001
Douglas County
VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
080202:
4000 4001 4017
080602:
2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2021 2022
VTD: 0971276 - DEER LICK
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
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VTD: 097731 - BEULAH
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VTD: 097732 - STEWART
080301:
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VTD: 097737 - CHESTNUT LOG
VTD: 097739 - LUTHERAN CHURCH
080509:
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VTD: 097740 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
VTD: 097784 - FACTORY SHOALS
080604:
4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006

District 002
Douglas County
VTD: 0971270 - COLONIAL HILLS
VTD: 0971273 - TURNER
VTD: 0971274 - ANNETTE WINN SC
VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
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VTD: 097732 - STEWART
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District 003
Douglas County

VTD: 0971275 - LITHIA HIGH SCHOOL
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080602:
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VTD: 097736N - CHAPEL HILL
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1016
080510:
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3010 3011
VTD: 097736S - HOLLY SPRINGS
080511:
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2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
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VTD: 097739 - LUTHERAN CHURCH
080509:
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1012 1013 1014 1015 1017 1018 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012
2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2020 2021 2022 2023
VTD: 097784 - FACTORY SHOALS
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080604:
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VTD: 097785 - BOUNDARY WATERS

District 004
Douglas County
VTD: 0971258 - MIRROR LAKE ELEM
VTD: 0971259 - WINSTON
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2014 2018 2019 2020 2021
080404:
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2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
080505:
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VTD: 097729 - GOLDEN METHODIST
VTD: 097730 - DOUGLASVILLE
080304:
2065
VTD: 097733 - ARBOR STATION
VTD: 097734 - BRIGHT STAR
VTD: 097738 - ST JULIANS
080508:
3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014
3015 3016 3017 3018 3019
080509:
3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008

District 005
Douglas County
VTD: 0971259 - WINSTON
080403:
2015 2016 2017
VTD: 0971260 - FAIRPLAY M S
VTD: 0971271 - EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH
VTD: 0971272 - BILL ARP
VTD: 097735 - DORSETT SHOALS
VTD: 097736N - CHAPEL HILL
080510:
3006 3007 3008
VTD: 097736S - HOLLY SPRINGS
080511:
1000 1007 1008 1009 1010 1019 1020 1021
VTD: 097738 - ST JULIANS
080510:

