

House Bill 909

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing a system of public schools in the City of Jefferson, Georgia,  
2 approved July 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4007), so as to change the description of the education  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office  
5 of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to  
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related  
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing a system of public schools in the City of Jefferson, Georgia, approved  
11 July 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 18,  
12 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4007), is amended by revising subsections (c), (d), and (h) of  
13 Section 17.1 as follows:

14 "(c) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the  
15 chairperson, the school district of the independent school system of the City of Jefferson  
16 is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from  
17 each such district. Those districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts  
18 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as  
19 'Plan: cityofjeffsbimport-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: City of Jefferson SB  
20 User: Shantee'.

21 (d)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

22 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
23 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
24 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
25 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

(B) 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.

(2) Any part of the City of Jefferson School District which is not included in any district described in subsection (c) 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.

(3) Any part of the City of Jefferson School District which is described in subsection (c) 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."

"(h)(1) The members of the board of education in office on the effective date of this section shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

(2) The first members of the board of education of the independent school system of the City of Jefferson from Education Districts 1, 3, and 5 as newly described in this section shall be elected at the general municipal election in 2015. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The first members of the board of education of the independent school system of the City of Jefferson from Education Districts 2 and 4 as newly described in this section shall be elected at the general municipal election in 2013. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(3) Successors to members elected under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be elected at the general municipal election next preceding the expiration of such terms of office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(4) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they existed on the effective date of this subsection, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described under this section, and, on and after the effective date of this subsection, such members of the board serving from those former education

62 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as  
63 newly described under this section."

64 **SECTION 2.**

65 The Board of Education of the City of Jefferson shall through its legal counsel cause this Act  
66 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,  
67 not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or  
68 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

69 **SECTION 3.**

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

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Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: City of Jefferson SB  
User: Shantee

District 001  
Jackson County  
VTD: 1570428 - CUNNINGHAM  
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VTD: 157N0245 - JEFFERSON  
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District 002  
Jackson County  
VTD: 1570257 - HARRISBURG  
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VTD: 157N0245 - JEFFERSON  
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District 003  
Jackson County  
VTD: 157N0245 - JEFFERSON  
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District 004  
Jackson County  
VTD: 157N0245 - JEFFERSON  
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District 005  
Jackson County  
VTD: 1570257 - HARRISBURG  
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VTD: 1570455 - MILLER  
010200:  
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