

House Bill 700 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159th and Burns of the 157th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Effingham County, approved
2 March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4596), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 September 21, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 315), so to correct the dates of certain
4 elections; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
5 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Effingham County, approved March 26,
10 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4596), as amended, particularly by an Act approved September 21,
11 2011 (Ga. L. 2011 Ex. Sess., p. 315), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 1-3
12 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(a) The Board of Education of Effingham County which existed on the effective date of
14 this Act is continued in existence. Those members of the Board of Education of Effingham
15 County who are currently serving and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such
16 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their
17 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective
18 successors. The Board of Education of Effingham County so continued and constituted,
19 sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue to have the powers, duties,
20 rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as they existed immediately prior to the
21 effective date of this Act. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall continue to be
22 designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described
23 under this Act, and such members of the board serving from those former education
24 districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as
25 newly described under this section. Successor members and future successors to represent
26 Education Districts 1 and 4 shall be elected at the primary election in 2014 and every four

27 years thereafter. Successor members and future successors to represent Education Districts
28 2, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the primary election in 2012 and every four years thereafter."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Effingham County to submit
31 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
32 amended.

33 **SECTION 3.**

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

36 **SECTION 4.**

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