## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Terrell County, approved 2 April 13, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3555), so as to change the description of the education 3 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of 4 current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to 5 provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other 6 7 purposes. 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA: 9 **SECTION 1.** 10 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Terrell County, approved April 13, 2004 11 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3555), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows: 12 "SECTION 2. 13 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Terrell County who are serving as such 14 on March 31, 2012, 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 15 16 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. On and after April 1, 2012, the Board of Education of Terrell County shall consist of five members all 17 18 of whom shall be elected from education districts described in subsection (b) of this 19 section. 20 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Terrell County School 21 District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected

from each such district. 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 Name: terrellsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Terrell User: bak'.

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26 (c) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same 27 geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the 28 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric 29 designations in a Tract 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 30 31 Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any part 32 of the Terrell 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 33 34 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Terrell County School District which is described in 35 that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within 36 37 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 38 39 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education district, 40 whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the 41 42 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States 43 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

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## **SECTION 2.**

45 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 as follows:

46 "(a) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Terrell County shall be 47 elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012. The members of the board elected thereto in 2012 shall take office the 48 49 first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of 50 office which expire December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members of the board whose 51 terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election 52 53 immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of 54 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 55 56 this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(b) Education Districts 1 through 5, as they exist on March 31, 2012, shall continue to be
designated as Education Districts 1 through 5, respectively, but as newly described under
this Act, and on and after April 1, 2012, 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."

12 LC 37 1297/AP 62 **SECTION 3.** 63 The Board of Education of Terrell County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to 64 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the 65 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the 66 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval. 67 68 **SECTION 4.** 69 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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