

House Bill 882 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new Board of Education of Lanier County, approved March 13,
2 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2709), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 3, 2002
3 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3730), so as to revise the education districts for the election of members of
4 the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for terms and
5 continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for
6 preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to
7 provide for related 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 creating a new Board of Education of Lanier County, approved March 13, 1970
11 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2709), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 3, 2002
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3730), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.

14 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Lanier County who are serving as such
15 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such
16 offices shall continue to serve as such members for the remainder of the terms of office to
17 which they were elected and until their successors are elected and qualified.

18 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the Board of Education of Lanier County,
19 Lanier County shall be divided into four education districts. One member of the board
20 shall be elected from each such district. Those districts shall be and correspond to those
21 four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
22 identified as 'Plan: lanierccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: lanier User: bak'.

23 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

24 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
25 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial

26 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
27 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual
28 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
29 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

34 (2) Any part of Lanier County which is not included in any district described in
35 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
36 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
37 2010 for the State of Georgia.

38 (3) Any part of Lanier County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as
39 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
40 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
41 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
42 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
43 Georgia.

44 (d) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in
45 November, 2008, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until
46 successors are elected and qualified as provided in this section. The members of the board
47 of education who were elected at the general election in November, 2010, shall continue
48 in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and
49 qualified as provided in this section.

50 (e) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Lanier County from
51 Education Districts 1, 3, and 4 shall be elected in the state-wide general election in
52 November, 2014. Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election
53 for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

54 (f) The first member of the reconstituted Board of Education of Lanier County from
55 Education District 2 shall be elected in the state-wide general election in November, 2012.
56 Such member shall take office on January 1 following his or her election for a term of four
57 years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

58 (g) The first chairperson of the reconstituted Board of Education of Lanier County shall
59 be by all of the qualified voters of Lanier County voting in the state-wide general election
60 in November, 2012. Such chairperson shall take office on January 1 following his or her
61 election for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

62 (h) Successors to members elected under subsections (e), (f), and (g) of this section shall
63 be elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
64 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
65 until their successors are elected and qualified.

66 (i) The members of the board of education shall be residents of the education districts they
67 represent and shall be elected by the qualified voters voting within their respective
68 education districts. The chairperson shall be a resident of Lanier County and shall be
69 elected by the qualified voters of the entire county.

70 (j) In the event that any member elected from a district ceases to be a resident of his or her
71 respective education district during his or her term of office, a vacancy shall be created and
72 shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 3 of this Act. In all elections conducted
73 pursuant to this Act, each candidate shall designate, at the time of qualifying, the district
74 or chairperson post for which he or she offers as a candidate. All members shall be
75 nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the
76 O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended.

77 (k) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as they exist immediately prior to the effective date
78 of this Act shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,
79 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of
80 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be
81 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
82 under this section."

83 **SECTION 2.**

84 The Board of Education of Lanier County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be
85 submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
86 amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
87 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

88 **SECTION 3.**

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

Plan: lanierccsb-2012
Plan Type: local
Administrator: lanier
User: bak

District 001

Lanier County

VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

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District 002

Lanier County

VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

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District 003

Lanier County

VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

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District 004

Lanier County

VTD: 1731 - LAKELAND

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VTD: 1732 - SIRMANS

VTD: 1733 - STOCKTON