

Senate Bill 435

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Webster County, approved  
 2 April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 8,  
 3 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3826), so as to change the description of the education districts; to  
 4 define certain terms; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for  
 5 method of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal  
 6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting  
 7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Webster County, approved April 9, 1993  
 11 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 8, 2002 (Ga. L.  
 12 2002, p. 3826), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

13 **"SECTION 2.**

14 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Webster County who are serving as such  
 15 immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy  
 16 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of  
 17 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
 18 successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of Education of Webster  
 19 County shall consist of five members, four of whom shall be elected from education  
 20 districts described in subsection (b) of this section and one member who shall be the  
 21 chairperson and who shall be elected at large as provided in this Act.

22 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Webster County  
 23 School District is divided into four education districts. One member of the board shall be  
 24 elected from each such district. The four education districts shall be and correspond to

25 those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and  
 26 further identified as 'Plan: websterccsb-2011 Plan Type: Local User: bak'.

27 (c) For the purposes of such plan:

28 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
 29 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census  
 30 of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
 31 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
 32 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United  
 33 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

38 (d) Any part of the Webster County School District which is not included in any district  
 39 described in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous  
 40 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
 41 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

42 (e) Any part of the Webster County School District which is described in subsection (b)  
 43 of this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
 44 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part  
 45 shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the  
 46 least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
 47 Georgia."

48 **SECTION 2.**

49 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

50 "SECTION 4.

51 (a) The members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Webster County shall be  
 52 elected as provided in this subsection. The chairperson and members from Education  
 53 Districts 1 and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the  
 54 first Monday in November, 2012. The chairperson and those members of the board elected  
 55 thereto from Education Districts 1 and 4 in 2012 shall take office the first day of January  
 56 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire  
 57 December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.  
 58 The members from Education Districts 2 and 3 shall be elected at the general election on  
 59 the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014. Those members of the

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

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

71 **SECTION 3.**

72 The Board of Education of Webster County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to  
73 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and  
74 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the  
75 appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
76 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

77 **SECTION 4.**

78 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the  
79 election of members of the Board of Education of Webster County in 2012 shall become  
80 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
81 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

82 **SECTION 5.**

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

84 Plan: websterccsb-2011

85 Plan Type: Local

86 User: bak

87 District 001

88 Webster County

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102 District 002

103 Webster County

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114 District 003

115 Webster County

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