House Bill 922 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE) By: Representative Reece of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the board of education of 2 Chattooga County, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4723), as amended, so as to 3 revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for 4 definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to 5 provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective 6 7 dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA: 9 **SECTION 1.** 10 An Act providing for the election of members of the board of education of Chattooga 11 County, approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4723), as amended, is amended by revising 12 Section 1 as follows: 13 "SECTION 1. 14 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education of Chattooga County, the 15 Chattooga County School District shall be divided into five education districts. The districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and 16 17 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan Name: chattsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Chattooga SB User: Gina'. 18 19 (b) For the purposes of such plan: 20 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as 21 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census 22 of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual 23 24 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 25

(2) 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.

30 (c) Any part of Chattooga County which is not included in any district described in
31 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
32 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
33 for the State of Georgia.

(d) Any part of Chattooga County which is described in subsection (a) 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

37 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."

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SECTION 2.

40 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

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"SECTION 3.

(a) The members of the board of education who were elected at the general election in
November, 2010, shall continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until
successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the board of
education who were elected at the general election in November, 2008, shall continue in
office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected and qualified
as provided in this Act.

48 (b) The first members of the reconstituted board of education from Education Districts 2, 3,

49 and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2014. Such members shall take

50 office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors

51 are elected and qualified.

52 (c) The first members of the reconstituted board of education from Education Districts 1 and
53 5 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2012. Such members shall take office

54 on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are

55 elected and qualified.

56 (d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be

57 elected at the state-wide general 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
- 59 their successors are elected and qualified.
- 60 (e) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2012, shall continue to
- 61 be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described

62 under this Act, and, on and after the effective date of this Act, 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."

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SECTION 3.

66 The board of education of Chattooga County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act

67 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,

as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the

69 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

70 SECTION 4.

71 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of

72 members of the board of education of Chattooga County shall become effective upon its

73 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act

- shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.
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SECTION 5.

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

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