# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Atkinson County, approved

2 April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4771), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30,

3 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3797), so as to change the description of the education districts; to

4 provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current

5 members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the

6 federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal

7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Atkinson County, approved April 5, 1993

(Ga. L. 1993, p. 4771), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003
(Ga. L. 2003, p. 3797), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

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# "SECTION 2.

(a) The Board of Education of Atkinson County shall consist of five members, all of whomshall be elected from education districts as described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Atkinson County
School 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: atkinsonccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: atkinson
User: bak'.

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

(A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district

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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 Census for the
United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and
(B) 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.

(2) Any part of the Atkinson County School District which is not included in any district
described in subsection (b) of this section shall be 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.

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

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### **SECTION 2.**

(a) Those members of the Board of Education of Atkinson County who are serving as such
on the effective date of this Act 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 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

(b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly described 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.**

55 The Board of Education of Atkinson County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act 56 to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, 57 as amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the 58 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval. 59

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

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