A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Mitchell County, approved March 4, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2239), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3667), so as to change the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office for current members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the election of the members of the Board of Education of Mitchell County, approved March 4, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2239), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3667), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 as follows:

14 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Mitchell County 15 School District is divided into seven education districts. One member of the board shall 16 be elected from each such district. Education Districts 1 though 6 shall be and correspond 17 to those six numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: mitchellsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Mitchell SB 18 19 User: Gina'. Education District 7 shall be an at-large district and shall consist of all of the 20 Mitchell County School District. 21 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan: 22 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as

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 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
 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual

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

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SECTION 2.

(a) Those members of the Board of Education of Mitchell 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, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 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.

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

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SECTION 4.

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

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