# House Bill 1057 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) By: Representative Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a new board of education of Jenkins County, approved April 3, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2965), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4584), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

**SECTION 1.** 

10 An Act creating a new board of education of Jenkins County, approved April 3, 1968 11 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2965), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2002 12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4584), is 13 amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

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#### "SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby created a new Board of Education of Jenkins County which shall be
composed of one member from each of five education districts provided for in
subsection (b) of this section. Each member shall be a resident of the education district he
or she represents. All members of the board of education shall be registered electors
entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly of Georgia.

(b) For the purpose of electing members of the Board of Education of Jenkins County, the
Jenkins 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
made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: jenkinsccsbR-2012 Plan Type: local
Administrator: jenkins User: Gina'.

25 (c) For purposes of such plan:

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(1) 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
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.

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

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

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

(f) All elections for members of the Board of Education of Jenkins County shall be
nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such
nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election
immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in
Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

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### **SECTION 2.**

51 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

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#### "SECTION 2.

(a) 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. 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.
(b) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Jenkins County from

60 Education Districts 1, 3, and 4 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2012.

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- Such members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four
  years and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- 63 (c) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Jenkins County from
  64 Education Districts 2 and 5 shall be elected at the state-wide general election in 2014. Such
  65 members shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
- 66 until their successors are elected and qualified.
- 67 (d) Successors to members elected under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be
- 68 elected at the state-wide general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
- 69 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
- 70 until their successors are elected and qualified.
- (e) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on January 1, 2012, 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

74 the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from

- 75 and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."
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## **SECTION 3.**

77 The Board of Education of Jenkins County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to

78 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 Governor

- 80 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.
- 81 SECTION 4.

The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of members of the Board of Education of Jenkins County shall become effective upon its 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.**

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