

Senate Bill 303

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

AS PASSED

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act relating to the Board of Education of Stewart County and providing for the
2 election of the members thereof, approved March 21, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 2264), as
3 amended, so as to reconstitute the board of education; to change the description of the
4 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in
5 office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent
6 members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights
7 Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

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

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act relating to the Board of Education of Stewart County and providing for the election
12 of the members thereof, approved March 21, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 2264), as amended, is
13 amended by striking Section 1 of said Act and inserting in its place the following:

14 **"SECTION 1.**

15 (a) The Board of Education of Stewart County shall be composed of five members who
16 shall be elected as provided in this section from education districts as provided in this
17 section.

18 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Stewart County
19 School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be
20 elected from each such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to
21 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and
22 further identified as 'Plan: stewartccsbR-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Stewart
23 User: Gina'.

24 (c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall
25 mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the

26 Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
27 Georgia.

28 (2) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
29 VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
30 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
31 State of Georgia. Any part of the Stewart County School District which is not included
32 in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district
33 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States
34 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

40 (4) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education district, whenever
41 the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
42 boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census
43 of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

44 (d) Those members of the Board of Education of Stewart County who are serving as such
45 on December 31, 2012, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall
46 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
47 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

48 (e) At the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November
49 2014, members of the board shall be elected from Education Districts 2 and 3, shall take
50 office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for
51 initial terms of office which expire on December 31, 2018, and upon the election and
52 qualification of their respective successors. At the general election on the Tuesday next
53 following the first Monday in November 2012, members of the board shall be elected from
54 Education Districts 1, 4, and 5, shall take office the first day of January immediately
55 following that election, and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire on December
56 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and
57 all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be
58 elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration
59 of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election,
60 and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for
61 the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors
62 are elected and qualified. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist on

63 December 31, 2012, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and
64 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013,
65 such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed
66 to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
67 Act.

68 (f) All members of the board of education who are elected thereto shall be nominated and
69 elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia
70 Annotated, the 'Georgia Election Code,' in nonpartisan primaries and elections as provided
71 in Code Section 21-2-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated."

72 **SECTION 2.**

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

78 **SECTION 3.**

79 This section and Section 2 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the
80 election of members of the Board of Education of Stewart County in 2012 shall become
81 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without
82 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

83 **SECTION 4.**

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

85 Plan: stewartccsbR-2012
 86 Plan Type: Local
 87 Administrator: Stewart
 88 User: Gina

89 District 001

90 Stewart County

91 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN

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106 VTD: 25906 - OMAHA

107 District 002

108 Stewart County

109 VTD: 25902 - RICHLAND

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117 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN

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125 VTD: 25902 - RICHLAND

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 160 VTD: 25905 - LUMPKIN
 161 950400:
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 164 the Stewart Detention Center
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