

House Bill 999 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Watson of the 163rd, and Purcell of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County,
2 approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4166), so as to change the description of the
4 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this
5 Act for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
6 amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, approved
10 March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
11 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4166), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham
14 shall be composed of a president and eight other members, to be elected as provided in this
15 Act.

16 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the president,
17 the City of Savannah and Chatham County School District is divided into eight education
18 districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The eight
19 education districts shall be and correspond to those eight numbered districts described in
20 and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan:
21 chathamccsbp3-S002&H161-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: S002&H161 User: SE'.

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

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

26 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
 27 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
 28 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

29 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
 30 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
 31 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
 32 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

33 (2) Any part of the City of Savannah and Chatham County School District which is not
 34 included in any district described in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within
 35 that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
 36 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

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

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SECTION 2.

44 (a) Those members of the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the
 45 County of Chatham who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person
 46 selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the
 47 regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification
 48 of their respective successors.

49 (b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as they exist immediately prior to the
 50 effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
 51 6, 7, and 8, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective
 52 date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts
 53 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly
 54 described under this Act.

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SECTION 3.

56 The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham shall
 57 through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of
 58 the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 45 days after the date on
 59 which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such
 60 approval.

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SECTION 4.

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

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64 Plan Type: local
65 Administrator: S002&H161
66 User: SE

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