

House Bill 6EX

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Effingham County, approved  
2 March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4596), as amended, so to change the description of the  
3 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this  
4 Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for  
5 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Effingham County, approved March 26,  
9 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4596), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section  
10 1-3 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

11 "(a) The Board of Education of Effingham County which existed on December 31, 2011,  
12 is continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2012, shall be constituted as provided  
13 in this Act. Those members of the Board of Education of Effingham County who are  
14 serving as such on December 31, 2011, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any  
15 such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their  
16 respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
17 successors. The Board of Education of Effingham County so continued and constituted,  
18 sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue to have the powers, duties,  
19 rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as they existed immediately prior to January  
20 1, 2012. Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as they existed on December 31, 2011, shall  
21 continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly  
22 described under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2012, such members of the board  
23 serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and  
24 representing their respective districts as newly described under this section. Successor  
25 members and future successors to represent Education Districts 1 and 4 shall be elected at  
26 the November general election in 2012 and every four years thereafter. Successor

27 members and future successors to represent Education Districts 2, 3, and 5 shall be elected  
 28 at the November general election in 2014 and every four years thereafter."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 Said Act is further amended by striking Part 2 of said Act and inserting in its place a new  
 31 Part 2 to read as follows:

32 "Part 2

33 SECTION 2-1.

34 (a) The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts  
 35 described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as  
 36 "Plan: effinghamccsb-2011 Plan Type: Local User: admin".

37 (b) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same  
 38 geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
 39 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric  
 40 designations in a district description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and  
 41 describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the  
 42 Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. Any part  
 43 of the Effingham County School District which is not included in any such district  
 44 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 45 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010  
 46 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Effingham County School District which is  
 47 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be  
 48 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
 49 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part  
 50 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010  
 51 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education  
 52 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
 53 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
 54 decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

55 **SECTION 3.**

56 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Education of Effingham County to submit  
 57 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
 58 amended.

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**SECTION 4.**

60 This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the  
61 election of members of the Board of Education of Effingham County in 2012 shall become  
62 effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
63 such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

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**SECTION 5.**

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