

Senate Bill 30

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the Board of Public Education for Bibb County, approved
2 August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4932), so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of
4 members comprising the board of education; to provide for the submission of this Act under
5 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related
6 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 establishing the Board of Public Education for Bibb County, approved August 23,
10 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002
11 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4932), is amended by revising Section 2B as follows:

12 **"SECTION 2B.**

13 (a) In the 2002 general election, candidates shall be elected to fill Posts 7 and 8.
14 Candidates elected to the board in 2002 shall take office on the first day of January
15 following their election and shall serve for a term of office of four years and until their
16 successors are duly elected and qualified. In the 2004 general election, candidates shall be
17 elected to Posts 1 through 6. Candidates elected to the board in 2004 shall take office on
18 the first day of January following their election and serve for a term of office of four years
19 and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the
20 elected members of the board shall be elected in the general nonpartisan election conducted
21 immediately prior to the expiration of the term of office for which they offer as a candidate,
22 shall take office on the first day of January following their election, and shall serve for a
23 term of office of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

24 (b) Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled by the remaining members of the
25 board appointing a qualified person to serve out the unexpired term of office in which the

26 vacancies shall occur. All appointments to fill such vacancies shall be subject to the
27 approval of the Bibb County Grand Jury in session at the time of the appointment.

28 (c) All elections for the board of education shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis as
29 provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 The Board of Public Education for Bibb County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
32 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,
33 not later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or
34 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

35 **SECTION 3.**

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