

Senate Bill 247

By: Senator Staton of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the Board of Public Education and Orphanage for Bibb
2 County, approved August 23, 1972 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4299), so as to change provisions relating to the
4 certification and levy of the school tax; to provide that the board of education shall furnish
5 a copy of the final school budget to the governing authority of Macon-Bibb County for
6 review and approval; to provide for a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act establishing the Board of Public Education and Orphanage for Bibb County,
11 approved August 23, 1972 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 388), as amended, particularly by an Act
12 approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4299), is amended by revising Sections 3 and 3A
13 as follows:

14 **"SECTION 3.**

15 (a) The board shall be entitled to and shall receive for the purposes of this Act the pro rata
16 share for Macon-Bibb County of all taxes now paid to the state and set apart for
17 educational purposes and all appropriations for such purposes and the pro rata share for
18 Macon-Bibb County of all endowments, devises, gifts, and bequests made or hereafter to
19 be made to the state or State Board of Education and of any and all educational incomes
20 and funds not belonging to and due to the board of regents now in the treasury of the state
21 or hereafter to be deposited.

22 (b) The board shall further have the power to assess such tax upon the taxable property of
23 Macon-Bibb County as it may deem necessary to support the system of schools which it
24 may establish, which tax, when approved by the commission of Macon-Bibb County, shall

25 be levied by the commission and collected like other taxes of the county. The commission
 26 shall approve or disapprove of the tax before the first Monday in June of each year.

27 **SECTION 3A.**

28 The board is authorized and directed to submit to the commission of Macon-Bibb County
 29 a copy of the final school budget which is prepared pursuant to the provisions of Part 4 of
 30 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. as the same is now or may hereafter be
 31 amended. The copy of the final school budget shall be submitted to the commission of
 32 Macon-Bibb County within one week after its adoption by the school board each year."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 (a) As soon as practicable after receipt of the certified copy of the proposed charter and after
 35 receipt of approval from the United States Department of Justice for a referendum on the
 36 proposed charter, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of elections of Macon-Bibb
 37 County to call a special election for approval or rejection of this Act. Such special election
 38 shall be called for on the third Tuesday in June, 2013. The superintendent of elections shall
 39 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two calendar
 40 weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official legal organ of Macon-Bibb
 41 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the following:

42 "() YES Shall the Act which consolidates the taxing authority in Macon-Bibb
 43 County by providing that the governing authority of Macon-Bibb County
 44 () NO shall approve and levy school system taxes be approved?"

45 (b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the charter shall vote "Yes," and those
 46 persons desiring to vote for rejection of the charter shall vote "No." If more than one-half
 47 of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Macon-Bibb County are for approval of the Act,
 48 then the Act shall become effective. Otherwise, it shall be void and of no force and effect.
 49 The expense of such election shall be borne by Macon-Bibb County.

50 **SECTION 3.**

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