

Senate Bill 399

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-52.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 composition and election of county boards of education in counties in which there is a
3 homestead option sales and use tax and a county sales and use tax for educational purposes
4 and terms of service, so as to revise a timeline relating to compliance with reducing a local
5 board to seven members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-52.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to composition
10 and election of county boards of education in counties in which there is a homestead option
11 sales and use tax and a county sales and use tax for educational purposes and terms of
12 service, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a) On and after January 1, ~~2015~~ 2017, in counties in which there is being collected a
14 homestead option sales and use tax pursuant to Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 and a
15 county sales and use tax for educational purposes pursuant to Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter
16 8 of Title 48 and the county board of education consists of more than seven members, such
17 county boards of education shall comply with this Code section. Such county boards of
18 education shall consist of seven members elected from single-member districts of
19 approximately equal population. The number of members may be reduced to less than
20 seven members by local legislation, but such members shall be elected from single-member
21 districts of approximately equal population. For any county board of education to which
22 this subsection applies, any board member serving on such board as of January 1, 2014,
23 who was appointed prior to such date by the Governor pursuant to Code Section 20-2-73
24 shall remain in office until January 1, 2017; provided, however, that if any such board
25 member resigns or is no longer eligible to serve on such board, the Governor shall appoint

26 a replacement member to serve until January 1, 2017, whose service on the board is likely
27 to improve the ability of the local school system to retain or reattain its accreditation."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.