

House Bill 343

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Lamar County Board of  
2 Education, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2710), as amended, particularly by an  
3 Act approved March 13, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4416), so as to provide that members of the  
4 board of education shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis; to provide for related matters; to  
5 provide for 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 providing for the election of members of the Lamar County Board of Education,  
9 approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2710), as amended, particularly by an Act  
10 approved March 13, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4416), is amended by revising Section 3A as  
11 follows:

12 "SECTION 3A.

13 (a) The first members of the reconstituted Board of Education of Lamar County shall be  
14 elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in  
15 November, 2012. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 1  
16 and 3 in 2012 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election  
17 and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2016, and until the  
18 election and qualification of their respective successors. The member of the board elected  
19 at large and those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts 2 and 4  
20 in 2014 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and  
21 shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2018, and until the  
22 election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors  
23 to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of  
24 the state-wide nonpartisan general election immediately preceding the expiration of such  
25 terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and

26 shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the  
27 terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are  
28 elected and qualified.

29 (b) Education Districts 1 through 4, as they exist on December 31, 2012, shall continue to  
30 be designated as Education Districts 1 through 4, respectively, but as newly described  
31 under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2013, such members of the board serving from  
32 those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their  
33 respective districts as newly described under this Act.

34 (c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected on  
35 a nonpartisan basis in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia  
36 Election Code.'

37 **SECTION 2.**

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