

Senate Bill 578

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing in DeKalb County districts from which members of the county  
2 board of education shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as  
3 amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the election  
4 at large of the chairperson of such board of education; to provide for definitions and  
5 inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for a  
6 referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial  
7 remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act establishing in DeKalb County districts from which members of the county board of  
12 education shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, is  
13 amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

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## "SECTION 1.

15 (a) There is created the board of education of DeKalb County. The board of education  
16 shall consist of seven members elected as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

17 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the DeKalb County  
18 School District is divided into seven education districts. One member of the board shall  
19 be elected from each such district. Education districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall be and  
20 correspond to those six numbered districts described in Appendix A and attached to and  
21 made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: SD10 Plan Name:  
22 DekSB-SD10-p1-2026 Plan Type: Local'. Education district 7 shall be composed of the  
23 entire geographic area of the DeKalb County School District and the person elected from  
24 such district shall serve as the chairperson of the board of education.

25 (c) For the purposes of such plan:

26 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
27 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census  
28 of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
29 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual  
30 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United  
31 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

32 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
33 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
34 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
35 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

36 (d) Any part of the DeKalb County School District which is not included in any district  
37 described in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous  
38 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
39 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

40 (e) Any part of DeKalb County School District which is described in subsection (b) of this  
 41 section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within  
 42 such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
 43 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
 44 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
 45 Georgia."

46 **SECTION 2.**

47 Those members of the board of education of DeKalb County who are serving as such on the  
 48 effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
 49 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
 50 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided  
 53 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the DeKalb County  
 54 school district for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that  
 55 election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the  
 56 call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall  
 57 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks  
 58 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot  
 59 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

60 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides that the DeKalb County Board of  
 61 Education shall be composed of six members elected from one of six  
 62 ( ) NO election districts and a chairperson elected by the voters of the school  
 63 system at large?"

64 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
65 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
66 such question are for approval of the Act, Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become of full  
67 force and effect on January 1, 2029; provided, however, that those provisions of Section 1  
68 necessary to conduct the 2028 election for members of the DeKalb County Board of  
69 Education shall become effective on January 1, 2028. If the Act is not so approved or if the  
70 election is not conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not  
71 become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day  
72 following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall  
73 be borne by DeKalb County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result  
74 thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the  
75 election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails  
76 or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the DeKalb County school district may  
77 apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her  
78 duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied  
79 with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election  
80 superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the  
81 next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the  
82 O.C.G.A.

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**SECTION 4.**

84 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
85 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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**SECTION 5.**

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

88 APPENDIX A

89 User: SD10

90 Plan Name: DekSB-SD10-p1-2026

91 Plan Type: Local

92 District 001

93 County DeKalb GA

94 VTD Ashford Dunwoody Road (BHAVN)

95 VTD Ashford Park Elem (BHAVN)

96 VTD Ashford Parkside (BHAVN)

97 VTD Austin (DUN)

98 VTD Chamblee (CHA)

99 VTD Chamblee 2 (CHA)

100 VTD Chesnut Elem (DUN)

101 VTD Doraville North (DOR)

102 VTD Doraville South (DOR)

103 VTD Dresden Elem (CHA)

104 VTD Dunwoody (DUN)

105 VTD Dunwoody 2 (DUN)

106 VTD Dunwoody Library (DUN)

107 VTD Georgetown (DUN)

108 VTD Huntley Hills Elem (CHA)

109 VTD Kingsley Elem (DUN)

110 VTD Kittredge Elem (BHAVN)

111 VTD Montgomery Elem (BHAVN)

112 VTD Mount Vernon East (DUN)

113 VTD Mt.Vernon West (DUN)

- 114 VTD North Peachtree (DUN)
- 115 VTD Oakcliff Elem
- 116 VTD Peachtree Middle (DUN)
- 117 VTD Tilly Mill Road (DUN)
- 118 VTD Winters Chapel (DUN)
  
- 119 District 002
- 120 County DeKalb GA
- 121 VTD Austin Drive
- 122 VTD Avondale (AVO)
- 123 Block 023000
- 124 1000 1001
- 125 VTD Briar Vista Elem (UNI & ATL)
- 126 Block 020100
- 127 2000 2005
- 128 Block 021502
- 129 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004
- 130 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016
- 131 2017 2018 2020
- 132 Block 021505
- 133 2000 2001 2002 2003 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004
- 134 VTD Briarcliff
- 135 VTD Briarwood (BHAVN)
- 136 VTD Brookhaven (BHAVN)
- 137 VTD Canby Lane Elem
- 138 VTD Clairmont Road
- 139 VTD Columbia Drive

140 VTD Covington  
 141 Block 023112  
 142 4004  
 143 Block 023113  
 144 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1013 1014 1015 1016 1022  
 145 1026 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2008 3000 3001 3002 3003  
 146 3004 3005 3007  
 147 VTD Covington Hwy  
 148 VTD Cross Keys High (BHAVN)  
 149 VTD Druid Hills  
 150 Block 021505  
 151 1005 1010  
 152 Block 022401  
 153 2002 2003 2007  
 154 Block 022403  
 155 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2010 2011 2012 2018  
 156 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005  
 157 Block 022404  
 158 1024 1038 1039 1041  
 159 Block 022405  
 160 2004 3003 3004 3005  
 161 VTD Emory Road  
 162 Block 021506  
 163 1002 1003 1004 1007  
 164 Block 022404  
 165 1000 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1043  
 166 Block 022405

167 1001 1002 1004 1009 1010 1011 1013 2000 2001  
 168 VTD Emory South (UNI & ATL)  
 169 Block 020100  
 170 1001 1003 1004 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018  
 171 Block 022401  
 172 1000 1001 1004 1009 1010 1011 1012 1014 1015 1016 1017 2004  
 173 2005 2006 2008 2010 2013 2014 3005 3007 3008 3009 3011 4000  
 174 4001 4002  
 175 VTD Fernbank  
 176 VTD Flat Shoals Library  
 177 VTD Harris - Margaret Harris Ed  
 178 VTD Kelley Chapel Road  
 179 VTD Lavista  
 180 VTD Lavista Road  
 181 Block 021505  
 182 1000 1001 1004 4000 4001 4002 4003 4008  
 183 Block 021506  
 184 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004  
 185 Block 021602  
 186 1012  
 187 Block 021604  
 188 2016 2017 2021  
 189 Block 021606  
 190 3001 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012  
 191 Block 022404  
 192 1004  
 193 VTD Mathis - Bob Mathis Elem

194 VTD Medlock  
 195 VTD Montclair Elem (BHAVN)  
 196 VTD North Decatur  
 197 Block 022203  
 198 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011  
 199 1015 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010  
 200 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2022 2026 2028  
 201 Block 022206  
 202 2016 2018 2019 3000 3001  
 203 Block 022602  
 204 1014 1015 1016  
 205 VTD Peachcrest  
 206 VTD Rainbow Elem  
 207 VTD Rowland Elem  
 208 Block 023115  
 209 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006  
 210 VTD Scott  
 211 VTD Shaw Elementary  
 212 VTD Silver Lake (ATL & BHAVN)  
 213 Block 021103  
 214 1001 1002 1003 1004 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2008  
 215 2009 3000 3001 3002 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007  
 216 4008  
 217 Block 021104  
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 219 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006  
 220 Block 021222

221 4017  
 222 Block 021405  
 223 3003 4005 4006  
 224 Block 021411  
 225 3000  
 226 VTD Skyland (BHAVN)  
 227 VTD Snapfinger Elem  
 228 VTD Snapfinger Road North  
 229 VTD Woodward Elem (BHAVN)  
 230 Block 021415  
 231 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 3000 3001 3002 3003  
 232 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 3015  
 233 3016 3017  
 234 Block 021417  
 235 2004 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 3000 3001 3002 4000 4001  
 236 4002 4003  
 237 Block 021502  
 238 3000 3001 3003 4000 4001 4002 4004  
 239 Block 021607  
 240 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1018  
  
 241 District 003  
 242 County DeKalb GA  
 243 VTD Avondale (AVO)  
 244 Block 022100  
 245 2042 2043 2045  
 246 Block 022203

247 2023 2024  
 248 Block 022900  
 249 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004  
 250 Block 023000  
 251 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013  
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 254 2008 2009  
 255 Block 023102  
 256 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011  
 257 1012 1013 1014 1019  
 258 Block 023112  
 259 4005  
 260 Block 023113  
 261 1017 1020 1021 1023 1024 1025 2006 2007 2009 2010 2011 2012  
 262 3006  
 263 VTD Avondale High  
 264 Block 022900  
 265 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019  
 266 1022 1038 1039 1040 1041 1042 1047 1049 1050 1051 1052 2002  
 267 2003 2004 2006 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016  
 268 2017 2018 2019 2020 2024 2025 2026 2027 2030 2031 2032  
 269 Block 023000  
 270 1020 1021 1022 1030 2010  
 271 Block 023101  
 272 2002 2003 2013  
 273 VTD Bouldercrest Road

274 VTD Browns Mill Elem  
 275 VTD Candler  
 276 VTD Cedar Grove Elem  
 277 VTD Cedar Grove Middle  
 278 VTD Cedar Grove South  
 279 VTD Chapel Hill Elem  
 280 VTD Clifton  
 281 VTD Columbia Elem  
 282 VTD Columbia Middle  
 283 VTD Covington  
 284 Block 023113  
 285 1018 1019 2013  
 286 VTD Flakes Mill Fire Station  
 287 VTD Flat Shoals  
 288 VTD Flat Shoals Elem  
 289 VTD Flat Shoals Parkway  
 290 VTD Gresham Road  
 291 VTD Harris - Narvie J. Harris Elem  
 292 VTD Kelley Lake Elem  
 293 VTD King - ML King Jr High  
 294 VTD Knollwood Elem  
 295 VTD McNair  
 296 VTD McNair Academy  
 297 Block 023601  
 298 1001 1003 1005 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015  
 299 2017 2023 2025 2027 2030 2031 2032  
 300 Block 023602

301 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2009 2010 2011  
 302 VTD McNair High  
 303 Block 023801  
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 305 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 2000 2001 2002 2003 2005 2006 2007  
 306 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2015 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004  
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 308 4007 4008  
 309 Block 023802  
 310 3000 3001 3002 3003 3005 3007 3008 3012 3013 3014 3029 3030  
 311 VTD Meadowview  
 312 VTD Midway Elem  
 313 VTD North Decatur  
 314 Block 022203  
 315 2027  
 316 VTD Oak View Elem  
 317 VTD Piney Grove  
 318 Block 023701  
 319 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1021 1022 1026 1027 1028 1031 2004  
 320 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014  
 321 Block 023702  
 322 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 2012  
 323 VTD Snapfinger Road South  
 324 VTD Terry Mill  
 325 VTD Toney Elem  
 326 VTD Wadsworth  
 327 VTD Wesley Chapel Library

328 District 004  
 329 County DeKalb GA  
 330 VTD Allgood Elem  
 331 VTD Bethune Middle  
 332 VTD Candler - Murphey Candler Elem  
 333 VTD Clarkston  
 334 Block 022001  
 335 3012  
 336 Block 022007  
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 338 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016  
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 349 Block 022205  
 350 3009  
 351 Block 022206  
 352 2020 2021  
 353 VTD Coralwood  
 354 VTD Dunaire Elem

355 VTD Fairington Elem  
 356 VTD Flat Rock Elem  
 357 VTD Glenhaven  
 358 VTD Glenwood Road  
 359 VTD Indian Creek  
 360 VTD Jolly Elem  
 361 Block 022011  
 362 1005 1008  
 363 VTD McLendon  
 364 VTD McWilliams  
 365 VTD Memorial South  
 366 VTD Miller Grove  
 367 VTD Miller Grove Road  
 368 VTD Northlake  
 369 VTD Panola Road  
 370 VTD Panola Way Elem  
 371 VTD Rehoboth  
 372 Block 021708  
 373 1007 1008 1009 1010 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017  
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382 2002 2003 2004 2005  
 383 VTD Rowland Road  
 384 VTD Salem Middle  
 385 VTD Shamrock  
 386 VTD Stonecrest Library  
 387 VTD Valley Brook  
 388 VTD Woodridge Elem  
 389 VTD Woodrow Road  
  
 390 District 005  
 391 County DeKalb GA  
 392 VTD Briarlake Elem  
 393 VTD Clarkston  
 394 Block 021817  
 395 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018  
 396 Block 022010  
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 399 Block 022013  
 400 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011  
 401 1012 1013 1015 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007  
 402 Block 022014  
 403 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004  
 404 2005 2008 2009 2010  
 405 VTD Crossroads  
 406 VTD Freedom Middle  
 407 VTD Hambrick Elem

408 VTD Hawthorne Elem  
 409 VTD Henderson Mill  
 410 VTD Idlewood Elem (TUC)  
 411 VTD Jolly Elem  
 412 Block 022010  
 413 1000 1001 1002 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1026 1027  
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 415 Block 022011  
 416 1000 1001 1006 1012 1014 1016 2000 2001 2002 2003  
 417 Block 022013  
 418 1014 2008 2009 2010 2011 2013  
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 421 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012  
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 423 VTD Lithonia High  
 424 VTD Marbut Elem  
 425 VTD Midvale Road  
 426 Block 021808  
 427 1023  
 428 Block 021820  
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 430 2004 2005 2007  
 431 Block 021821  
 432 2009  
 433 VTD Miller - Eldridge L. Miller Elem  
 434 VTD Miller Grove High

435 VTD Montreal (TUC)  
 436 VTD North Hairston  
 437 VTD Oak Grove Elem  
 438 VTD Panola  
 439 VTD Pine Lake (PIN)  
 440 VTD Redan Middle  
 441 VTD Redan Road  
 442 VTD Redan-Trotti Library  
 443 VTD Rehoboth  
 444 Block 022001  
 445 1011 2000  
 446 Block 022007  
 447 1010  
 448 VTD Rockbridge Elem  
 449 Block 021906  
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 458 VTD Sagamore Hills Elem  
 459 VTD South Hairston  
 460 VTD Stone Mountain Middle (TUC)  
 461 Block 021910

462 4016 4017  
463 VTD Tucker Library (TUC)  
464 Block 021819  
465 2018  
466 VTD White Oak  
467 VTD Young Road  
  
468 District 006  
469 County DeKalb GA  
470 VTD Brockett (TUC)  
471 VTD Brockett Elem (TUC)  
472 VTD Embry Hills  
473 VTD Evansdale Elem  
474 VTD Hugh Howell (TUC)  
475 VTD Lithonia (LIT)  
476 VTD Livsey Elem  
477 VTD Midvale Elem (TUC)  
478 VTD Midvale Road  
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480 2006  
481 VTD Pleasantdale Road  
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483 VTD Redan Elem  
484 VTD Rock Chapel Elem  
485 VTD Rock Chapel Road  
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488 1002 1005 3012 3013 4008  
 489 VTD Rockbridge Road  
 490 VTD Shadow Rock Elem  
 491 VTD Smoke Rise (TUC)  
 492 VTD South Deshon  
 493 VTD Stephenson High  
 494 VTD Stephenson Middle  
 495 VTD Stone Mill Elem  
 496 VTD Stone Mountain (STO)  
 497 VTD Stone Mountain Champion (STO)  
 498 VTD Stone Mountain Elem  
 499 VTD Stone Mountain Middle (TUC)  
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 512 4007  
 513 VTD Stoneview Elem  
 514 VTD Tucker (TUC)

515 VTD Tucker Library (TUC)  
516 Block 021819  
517 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011  
518 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2019 2020  
519 Block 021821  
520 2017 2018  
521 Block 021822  
522 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2026 2027 2030  
523 2031 2032 2033 2034 2036 2037 2038  
524 Block 021823  
525 2000 2001 2002 2010 2011 2012 2013 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004  
526 3005 3006  
527 VTD Warren Tech  
528 VTD Wynbrooke Elem