House Bill 1301

By: Representatives Mueller of the 152nd, Stephens of the 150th, Day of the 153rd and Pelote of the 149th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act relating to the school system of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2636), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in its place a new Section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1.

(a) The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham shall be composed of a president and eight other members, to be elected as provided in this Act.

(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the president, the City of Savannah and Chatham County School District is divided into eight education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The eight education districts shall be and correspond to those eight numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: Alternative-F2 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Chatham Co.

(c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report

of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Savannah and Chatham County School District which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Savannah and Chatham County School District which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

(d) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as they exist on January 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.″

SECTION 2.

It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 3.

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