House Bill 1387 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Smith of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the composition and selection of the Board of Education of Pierce County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4649), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the composition and selection of the Board of Education of Pierce County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4649), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1.

(a) The Board of Education of Pierce County shall be composed of five members to be elected as provided in this section. For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Pierce County School District is divided into four education districts. The four education districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: piercep2r Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Pierce Co.

(b) 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 Pierce 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 Pierce 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.

(c) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to June 1, 2002, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after June 1, 2002, 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.

Those members of the Board of Education of Pierce County who are serving as such on June 1, 2002, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election of members of the Board of Education of Pierce County in 2002 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective June 1, 2002.

SECTION 5.

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