House Bill 1543

By: Representatives Lewis of the 14th, Cummings of the 27th and Childers of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Bartow County, approved March 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4915), 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the Board of Education of Bartow County, approved March 30, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4915), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) of Section 3 and inserting in their place new subsections (b), (c), and (c.1) to read as follows:

"(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Bartow County School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: bartowsb1r Plan Type: Local User: Linda Administrator: Bartow 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 Bartow 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 Bartow 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.1) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 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.

Said Act is further amended by striking in its entirety the attachment thereto containing the descriptions of education districts which is identified as Operator: local Client: bartow Plan: sb1.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.