

House Bill 956

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To reconstitute the Board of Education of Crisp County; to provide for legislative purpose;  
2 to provide for the composition and election of said board; to provide for election districts;  
3 to provide for terms of office; to provide for qualifications for office; to provide for  
4 vacancies; to provide for meetings and quorums; to provide compensation; to provide for  
5 continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of  
6 subsequent members; to provide for compensation of board members; to abolish the current  
7 Board of Education of Crisp County on a date certain and shorten the terms of office of  
8 certain members of such board; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates;  
9 to repeal a local constitutional amendment proposed by a certain resolution act; to repeal a  
10 specific act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the 1956 amendment to the Constitution relating to the  
14 merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele and the school district in the  
15 County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said city into one school district and to  
16 reconstitute the Crisp County Board of Education.

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**SECTION 2.**

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18 (a) The Board of Education of Crisp County shall be composed of five members to be  
19 elected as provided in this Act.

20 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Crisp County School  
21 District shall be divided into five education districts. Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and  
22 correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made  
23 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Crisp SB Plan Name: CrispSB-2022 Plan  
24 Type: Local'. Education District 5 shall be composed of the entire geographic area of the  
25 Crisp County School District.

26 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

41 (3) Any part of the Crisp County School District which is described in subsection (b) of  
42 this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
43 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous

44 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
45 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State  
46 of Georgia

47 (d) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in  
48 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code." Each  
49 member shall be elected by the voters of Crisp County registered and qualified to vote for  
50 members of the General Assembly.

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the term of each board member shall  
53 be four years beginning on January 1 of the year following the election of the member.

54 (b)(1) The terms of office of the initial members elected to represent Districts 1 and 2  
55 and the at-large District 5 position shall be two years, beginning January 1, 2023, and  
56 ending December 31, 2024. Thereafter, all successors to such members shall serve  
57 four-year terms.

58 (2) The initial terms of office of the members elected to represent Districts 3 and 4 shall  
59 be four years, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026. Thereafter,  
60 all successors to such members shall serve four-year terms.

61 **SECTION 4.**

62 Any person, to be eligible for membership on the board, must have resided in Crisp County  
63 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and must reside in the  
64 district from which he or she offers as a candidate for at least six months immediately  
65 preceding the date of the election.

66 **SECTION 5.**

67 In the event a person who represents an education district moves his or her residence from  
68 such district, a vacancy shall exist for such district. In the event of a vacancy on the board  
69 for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the remaining members of the  
70 board of education shall appoint a successor to serve until the next general election in which  
71 members of the General Assembly are elected, in which election a successor shall be elected  
72 to serve out the unexpired term of office in which the vacancy occurs; provided, however,  
73 that, if a vacancy occurs within two years and 90 days of the expiration of the term of office,  
74 the person appointed shall serve out the remainder of the term.

75 **SECTION 6.**

- 76 (a) At the first meeting of the board of education in January of each year, the board shall  
77 elect a chairperson, who shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself.
- 78 (b) A quorum of the board shall be three members.

79 **SECTION 7.**

80 Each member of the board of education shall be compensated in the amount of \$250.00 for  
81 each day of attendance at meetings of the board and training sessions and conferences  
82 approved by the board.

83 **SECTION 8.**

- 84 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such on  
85 the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
86 continue to serve as such members until the member of the board elected pursuant to the  
87 provisions of this Act take office on January 1, 2023.
- 88 (b) The two members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such  
89 on the effective date of this Act whose terms expire on December 31, 2022, pursuant to an

90 Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of  
91 Cordele and the existing school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate  
92 limits of said city, approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), as amended, shall  
93 serve out the terms to which they were elected.

94 (c) Except for members provided for in subsection (b) of this section, the terms of office of  
95 the members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such on the  
96 effective date of this Act shall be shortened and shall end on December 31, 2022.

97 **SECTION 9.**

98 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the board of education shall be subject to all  
99 constitutional and statutory provisions relative to county boards of education.

100 **SECTION 10.**

101 The election superintendent of Crisp County shall call and conduct an election as provided  
102 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Crisp County  
103 School District for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that  
104 election on the date of the 2022 general primary and shall issue the call and conduct that  
105 election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and  
106 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding  
107 the date thereof in the official organ of Crisp County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
108 thereon the words:



134 (b) An Act providing for the merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele  
135 and the school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said city,  
136 so as to constitute one school district or system coextensive with the limits of said county,  
137 approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), is hereby repealed in its entirety, and all  
138 amendatory acts thereto are likewise repealed in their entirety.

139 **SECTION 12.**

140 Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
141 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

142 **SECTION 13.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

145 User: Crisp SB

146 Plan Name: CrispSB-2022

147 Plan Type: Local

148 District 001

149 County Crisp GA

150 VTD ARABI

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165 VTD CORDELE

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222 District 003

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224 VTD CORDELE

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