

House Bill 1109

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 73rd and Knight of the 130th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing the Griffin-Spalding County School System Board of
2 Education, approved February 25, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2563), as amended,
3 particularly by a local constitutional amendment (Ga. L. 1982, p. 2680) which was continued
4 in force and effect as a part of the Constitution of the State of Georgia by an Act approved
5 February 18, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3545), by an Act approved March 7, 2002
6 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3566), and by an Act approved September 21, 2011
7 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 478), so as to reconstitute the Griffin-Spalding County Board of
8 Education; to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and
9 inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of certain current board members; to provide
10 for election of and qualifications for subsequent members; to provide for related matters; to
11 provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws;
12 and for other purposes.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

14 **SECTION 1.**

15 An Act establishing the Griffin-Spalding County School System Board of Education,
16 approved February 25, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2563), as amended, particularly

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17 by a local constitutional amendment (Ga. L. 1982, p. 2680) which was continued in force and
18 effect as a part of the Constitution of the State of Georgia by an Act approved
19 February 18, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3545), by an Act approved March 7, 2002
20 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3566), and by an Act approved September 21, 2011
21 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 478), is amended by revising Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

22 "SECTION 2.

23 (a) The administration of the Griffin-Spalding County School System shall be vested in a
24 board to be known and designated as the 'Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education.' Said
25 board shall consist of five members, each of whom shall be a person of good moral character
26 and at least 25 years of age at the time of assuming office as a member of said board. Each
27 of the five education districts hereinafter created and described shall be represented by one
28 member of such board who shall have been a resident of the district he or she represents for
29 at least six months prior to the date of his or her election or appointment to said board. Such
30 members shall be elected in a nonpartisan general election held at the time of the general
31 primary in each even-numbered year.

32 (b)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the
33 Griffin-Spalding County School District shall be divided into five education districts.
34 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts
35 described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
36 'User: Spalding Co. Plan Name: SpaldingCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

37 (2) For the purposes of such plan:

38 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
39 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
40 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
41 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual

42 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
43 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

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

48 (3) Any part of the Griffin-Spalding County School District which is not included in any
49 district described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district
50 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States
51 decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

52 (4) Any part of the Griffin-Spalding County School District which is described in
53 paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included in a particular district shall
54 nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such
55 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous
56 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
57 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

58 SECTION 3.

59 (a) Those members of the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education who are serving as
60 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such
61 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective
62 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

63 (b) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act,
64 shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, but as newly
65 described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the
66 board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and
67 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

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SECTION 2.

69 The election superintendent of Spalding County shall call and conduct an election as
70 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Spalding
71 County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on
72 the date of the November, 2022, general election and shall issue the call and conduct that
73 election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and
74 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding
75 the date thereof in the official organ of Spalding County. The ballot shall have written or
76 printed thereon the words:

77 "() YES Shall the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education be permitted to
78 () NO change the description of the education districts in accordance with the
79 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
80 of 2020 so as to comply with the federal law?"

81 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
82 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
83 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
84 force and effect on January 1, 2023. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not
85 conducted as provided in this section, then Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective,
86 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately
87 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Spalding County.
88 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of
89 State.

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SECTION 3.

91 The provisions of this Act necessary for the referendum provided for in Section 2 of this Act
92 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming
93 law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective on
94 January 1, 2023, unless otherwise repealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2
95 of this Act.

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SECTION 4.

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

98 APPENDIX A

99 User: Spalding Co.

100 Plan Name: SpaldingCCSB-2022

101 Plan Type: Local

102 District 001

103 County Spalding GA

104 VTD AMBUCS PARK GYM

105 Block 160201:

106 2015 2016 2017

107 Block 160800:

108 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007

109 Block 160900:

110 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1009 1012 1013 1014 1016 1017 1021

111 1022 1023 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

112 2010 2011 2012 2013 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

113 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037

114 2038 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2045 2046 2047 2048 3045 3047

115 3049

116 VTD FAIRMONT COMMUNITY CENTER

117 VTD FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

118 Block 160500:

119 1025

120 VTD GARY REID FIRE STATION

121 Block 160300:

122 1000 1001 1003 1015 1016 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

123 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

124 Block 160401:

125 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

126 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

127 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

128 Block 160402:

129 1000 1010 1022 1029 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

130 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2016 2017 2018 2019 2021

131 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

132 Block 160500:

133 3001 3002 3003 3004 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3015 3019 3023

134 3024

135 VTD SENIOR CENTER

136 Block 160900:

137 2014 2015 2016 2017 3020 3021 3022 3023 3032 3033 3034 3035

138 3036 3037 3038 3039 3040 3041 3042 3046

139 VTD UGA CAMPUS

140 Block 160401:

141 2007 2017

142 Block 160402:

143 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1011 1012 1013

144 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027

145 1028 1030 1034 1035

146 Block 160500:

147 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 2000 2001 2002 2024 3005

148 3011 3016 3017 3018 3020 3021 3022 3025

149 District 002
 150 County Spalding GA
 151 VTD FIRST METHODIST
 152 VTD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
 153 VTD ROBERTS FIRE STATION
 154 VTD SENIOR CENTER
 155 Block 160800:
 156 2056 2057 2058 2059
 157 Block 160900:
 158 2044 2049 3031 3043 3044 3048 3050 3051 3052 3053 3054 3055
 159 Block 161100:
 160 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 161 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 2000
 162 2001 2007 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
 163 2021 2022 2023 2027 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007
 164 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 3015 3016 3018 3025
 165 Block 161202:
 166 1000 1001 1011 1012 1018 1029 2000 2019 2020 4000 4001 4002
 167 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011
 168 VTD ST JOHN LUTHERAN
 169 Block 161201:
 170 3000 3001 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017
 171 3018 3019 3020

172 District 003
 173 County Spalding GA

174 VTD CARVER FIRE STATION

175 Block 160701:

176 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1010 2033 2034 3005 3006 3015 3016

177 3042

178 Block 161201:

179 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011

180 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017

181 Block 161202:

182 2023 2024

183 VTD CITY PARK

184 VTD SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

185 VTD ST JOHN LUTHERAN

186 Block 161201:

187 2000 2001 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

188 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

189 2028 2029 2030 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007

190 Block 161202:

191 2013 2018 2026

192 VTD UGA CAMPUS

193 Block 160402:

194 1021 1031 1032 1033 1036 1037 1038 1039 1040 1041 1043 1044

195 1045 1046 1047 1048

196 Block 160500:

197 2021 2022 2023

198 Block 160701:

199 1006 1007 1008

200 Block 160800:

201 3003 3004 3005 3006 3051

 202 District 004
 203 County Spalding GA
 204 VTD CARVER FIRE STATION
 205 Block 160500:
 206 2012 2013 2033
 207 Block 160600:
 208 3017 3018
 209 Block 160701:
 210 1009 3029 3030 3031 3036 3040 3041
 211 Block 160702:
 212 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 2000 2001
 213 VTD COUNTY LINE METHODIST
 214 VTD FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 215 Block 160101:
 216 1019 1020 1021
 217 Block 160500:
 218 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 219 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1026 2003 2004 2005 2006 2011
 220 2018 2019
 221 Block 160600:
 222 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
 223 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
 224 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 3000 3001
 225 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3012 3013 3016

226 Block 160701:
 227 3023 3025 3026 3027 3028
 228 VTD LIBERTY SPRINGS
 229 VTD UGA CAMPUS
 230 Block 160500:
 231 2007 2008 2009 2010 2014 2015 2016 2017 2028 2034
 232 Block 160701:
 233 3012 3013 3014 3017 3018 3019 3020 3021 3022 3024 3032 3033
 234 3034 3035 3039
 235 Block 160702:
 236 1000 1001 1010 1011

 237 District 005
 238 County Spalding GA
 239 VTD AMBUCS PARK GYM
 240 Block 160201:
 241 2011 2012 2013 2014 2020 2021 2022 2025 2026 2027 2028
 242 Block 160900:
 243 1000 1001 1010 1011
 244 Block 161000:
 245 1011 1012 1013 1015 1016 1017 1018 1024
 246 VTD EAGLES LANDING BAPTIST
 247 VTD GARY REID FIRE STATION
 248 Block 160101:
 249 3032
 250 Block 160102:

251 2025
252 Block 160300:
253 2003 2004 2007 2008 2009 2010 2023
254 Block 160500:
255 3000 3012 3013 3014 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011
256 4012 4013 4014 4026 4027 4028 4029 4030
257 VTD SUNNYSIDE METHODIST
258 VTD UNION BAPTIST