

House Bill 1241 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup> and Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Wayne County, approved  
2 January 28, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 27, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4554), so as to change the description of the education  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for staggered terms for  
5 members of the board of education; to provide for method of election; to provide for  
6 continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the Board of Education of Wayne County, approved January 28, 1994  
11 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 2012  
12 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4554), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

13 "SECTION 1.

14 (a) The Board of Education of Wayne County shall be composed of five members. For  
15 purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Wayne County School District

16 is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each  
17 such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered  
18 districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and further  
19 identified as 'User: Wayne Co. Plan Name: WayneCCSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

20 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

21 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
23 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
24 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
25 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
26 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

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

31 (2) Any part of the Wayne County School District which is not included in any district  
32 described in subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous  
33 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
34 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

35 (3) Any part of the Wayne County School District which is described in subsection (a)  
36 of this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
37 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous  
38 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
39 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State  
40 of Georgia.

41 (c) To be elected as a member of the board from an education district, a person shall receive  
42 the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that district only. Only

43 electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a member of the board for  
44 that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from an  
45 education district, each candidate for such office shall specify the education district for which  
46 that person is a candidate. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from an  
47 education district shall continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office  
48 or that office shall become vacant.

49 (d)(1) Successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be  
50 elected at the time of the general nonpartisan election immediately preceding the  
51 expiration of such terms and shall take office the first day of January immediately  
52 following that election. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified  
53 in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

54 (2) Those members of the board who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act  
55 shall continue to serve as such members for the terms of office to which they were  
56 elected. The members elected to Education Districts 1, 3, and 5 at the time of the 2022  
57 election shall each serve a term of two years ending on December 31, 2024. The  
58 members elected to Education Districts 2 and 4 at the time of the 2022 election shall each  
59 serve a term of four years ending on December 31, 2026. Thereafter, all members of the  
60 board shall each serve a term of four years.

61 (e) All elections for members of the Board of Education of Wayne County shall be  
62 nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such  
63 nonpartisan elections shall be conducted as provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the  
64 O.C.G.A. Those members of the board of education in office on the effective date of this  
65 Act shall be eligible to succeed themselves as provided in subsection (d) of this section."

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**SECTION 2.**

67 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Wayne County who are serving as such on  
68 the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
69 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of  
70 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

71 (b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date  
72 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
73 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this  
74 Act, such members of the board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be  
75 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

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**SECTION 3.**

77 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of  
78 Education of Wayne County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act  
79 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions  
80 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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**SECTION 4.**

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

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APPENDIX A

84 User: Wayne Co.

85 Plan Name: WayneCCSB-2022

86 Plan Type: Local

87 District 001

88 County Wayne GA

89 VTD MADRAY SPRINGS

90 VTD ODUM

91 Block 970100:

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101 4055 4056 4057 4058 4059 4060 4061 4062 4063 4064 4065 4066

102 4067 4068 4069 4070 4071 4072 4073 4074 4075 4076 4077 4078

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104 4099 4100 4102 4113 4114 4115

105 VTD OGLETHORPE

106 District 002  
 107 County Wayne GA  
 108 VTD EMPIRE  
 109 Block 970100:  
 110 4052 4053 4101 4103 4104 4105 4106 4107 4108 4109 4110 4111  
 111 4112  
 112 Block 970300:  
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 127 Block 970600:  
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 129 VTD RED HILL  
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136 VTD SCREVEN

137 District 003

138 County Wayne GA

139 VTD ALTAMAHA

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142 Block 970202:

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156 VTD REC CENTER

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159 District 004  
 160 County Wayne GA  
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 168 Block 970500:  
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 197 County Wayne GA  
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