

House Bill 1488 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Campbell of the 171st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pelham, approved April 28, 2016
2 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3859), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the composition and
3 elections of the City of Pelham Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pelham, approved April 28, 2016
8 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3859), as amended, is amended by revising Section 6A.10 as follows:

9 "SECTION 6A.10.

10 (a) The City of Pelham public school system shall be under the control and management
11 of the board of education of the City of Pelham, sometimes referred to in this section as the
12 'board.' That board shall be composed of seven members: three of those members shall be
13 elected from District 1 and three shall be elected from District 2, said districts being the
14 same as used for the city council elections. The seventh member shall be elected at-large.

15 (b) No person elected from a district may offer for election to the board unless that person
16 resides in the district from which that person offers for election. A member of the board
17 elected from a district must continue to reside in the district from which that person is
18 elected during the member's term of office, and upon removing such residence from that
19 district that member shall thereby create a vacancy in that office. No person may offer for
20 the at-large position on the board unless that person resides within the corporate limits of
21 the City of Pelham. Any member elected to the at-large position must continue to reside
22 within the corporate limits of the City of Pelham, during the member's term of office, and
23 upon removing such residence from the City of Pelham, that member shall thereby create
24 a vacancy. The qualifications for members of the board shall otherwise be the same as for
25 the city council.

26 (c) A vacancy in the office of board of education shall be filled for the remainder of the
27 unexpired term, if any, by appointment by the remaining board members if less than six
28 months remain in the unexpired term, otherwise by an election.

29 (d) Elections for members of the board shall be held on the Tuesday following the first
30 Monday in November of each odd numbered year, and held in conjunction with the general
31 municipal election. Only those persons residing within a district shall be qualified to vote
32 for members of the board of education from that district. All elections for members of the
33 board shall be by plurality vote and shall be nonpartisan and without any primary.

34 (e) Successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected
35 at the municipal general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall
36 take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for
37 terms of four years each and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.
38 Each person seeking election from an education district shall designate the education
39 district from which that person seeks election.

40 (f) At the general municipal election in 2023, there shall be an election for one board
41 member from District 2, two board members from District 1, and an election for the
42 at-large member. The members elected at such election shall serve four-year terms.

43 (g) At the general municipal election in 2025, there shall be an election for one board
44 member from District 1 and two board members from District 2. The members elected at
45 such election shall serve four-year terms.

46 (h) The chairperson of the board shall be determined by a plurality of seven board
47 members.

48 (i) The at-large board member shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast city-wide.
49 District board members shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in the district in
50 which they qualify. Candidates for each board seat shall be listed on the ballot in
51 alphabetical order."

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SECTION 2.

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