

Senate Bill 417

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

**AS PASSED**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Berrien County, approved April 5, 1971  
2 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3044), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 2012 (Ga.  
3 L. 2012, p. 4358), so as to change the description of the districts from which members of  
4 such board are elected; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation  
5 in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the Board of Education of Berrien County, approved April 5, 1971 (Ga. L.  
10 1971, p. 3044), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012,  
11 p. 4358), is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1 as follows:

12 "(a) The Board of Education of Berrien County, sometimes referred to in this Act as the  
13 'board,' shall continue to consist of seven members. For purposes of electing such  
14 members, the Berrien County School District is divided into seven education districts. One  
15 member of the board shall be elected from each such district by the voters voting in only  
16 such district. The seven education districts shall be and correspond to those seven

17 numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made a part of this Act and  
18 further identified as 'User: Berrien SB Plan Name: BerrienSB-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

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

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

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

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

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

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## SECTION 2.

41 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Berrien County who are serving as such  
42 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office

43 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms  
44 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

45 (b) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this  
46 Act, shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, but as  
47 newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members  
48 of the board serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and  
49 representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

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### **SECTION 3.**

51 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of  
52 Education of Berrien County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act  
53 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions  
54 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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### **SECTION 4.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

58 User: Berrien SB

59 Plan Name: BerrienSB-2022

60 Plan Type: Local

61 District 001

62 County Berrien GA

63 VTD 0191144 - RAY CITY

64 Block 970500:

65 3069 3070

66 Block 970600:

67 3000 3001 3006 3008 3009 3020 3021

68 VTD 0191148 - UPPER TENTH

69 Block 970400:

70 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032

71 1034 1035 1039 1040 1041 1042 1043 1044 1049 1050 1051 1052

72 1055 1061 1062 1063 1064 1065 1066 1067 1068 1069 1074 1075

73 1095 1096 1104 1105 1106 1108 1109 1110 1113 1120

74 VTD 0191157 - NASHVILLE

75 Block 970400:

76 1045 1059 1086 1087 1088 1089 1090 1091 1092 1093 1094 1100

77 1101 1102 1103 1114 1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 3000 3036

78 Block 970500:

79 1000 1001 1002 1044 1047 1048 1049 1050 1062 2017 2020 2021

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82 3033 3034 3071 3072 3073 3074 3075 3076

83 Block 970600:

84 1026 1027 3002 3003 3004 3005 3007

85 VTD 0191767 - LOWER TENTH

86 District 002

87 County Berrien GA

88 VTD 0191144 - RAY CITY

89 Block 970600:

90 1012 1013 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1028 1029

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99 VTD 0191329 - LOIS

100 Block 970600:

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102 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2051

103 2052 2057 2058

104 District 003

105 County Berrien GA

106 VTD 0191157 - NASHVILLE

107 Block 970300:

108 1012 1013 1016 1017 1018 1024 1025 1026 3008 3009 3010 3011

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115 VTD 0191427 - NEW RIVER

116 Block 970200:

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120 Block 970300:

121 1014 1015 1019 1020 1021 1022

122 VTD 0191819 - JORDAN

123 Block 970200:

124 2002 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2017 2021

125 District 004

126 County Berrien GA

127 VTD 0191148 - UPPER TENTH

128 Block 970400:

129 1000 1001 1005 1006 1007 1008 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019

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131 VTD 0191157 - NASHVILLE

132 Block 970300:

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 138 VTD 019518 - ALAPAHA

139 District 005

140 County Berrien GA

141 VTD 0191427 - NEW RIVER

142 Block 970200:

143 2046 2047 2048 2062

144 Block 970300:

145 1005

146 VTD 0191642 - ENIGMA

147 VTD 0191819 - JORDAN

148 Block 970200:

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151 District 006

152 County Berrien GA

153 VTD 0191157 - NASHVILLE

154 Block 970300:

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 168 VTD 0191329 - LOIS  
 169 Block 970300:  
 170 2073  
 171 Block 970600:  
 172 1003 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1015  
  
 173 District 007  
 174 County Berrien GA  
 175 VTD 0191157 - NASHVILLE  
 176 Block 970400:  
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187	1039	1040	1041	1042	1043	1045	1046	1051	1052	1053	1054	1061
188	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
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