**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 476 OF 1998, RELATING TO JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JASPER COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2016, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 476 of 1998 is amended to read:

“Section 2. (A) ~~The single member districts of Jasper County School District shall be as follows:~~

~~DISTRICT 1~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~GILLISONVILLE~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~152, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162,~~

~~166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 172,~~

~~173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178,~~

~~179, 180, 181, 182, 184, 185,~~

~~186, 189, 190, 192, 193~~ ~~611~~

~~GRAYS~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106,~~

~~107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112,~~

~~113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118,~~

~~119, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126,~~

~~127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132,~~

~~133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138,~~

~~139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144,~~

~~145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150,~~

~~151, 163, 164, 165, 171~~ ~~680~~

~~PINELAND~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206,~~

~~207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212,~~

~~213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218,~~

~~219, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246,~~

~~247, 250, 251, 283, 284~~ ~~425~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,716~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~‑0.290~~

~~DISTRICT 2~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~PINELAND~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225,~~

~~226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231,~~

~~232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237,~~

~~238, 239, 240, 241, 248, 249,~~

~~252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257,~~

~~258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263,~~

~~264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269,~~

~~270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275,~~

~~276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281,~~

~~282, 285~~ ~~619~~

~~RIDGELAND 1~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~301, 302, 303, 304, 309, 310,~~

~~311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316,~~

~~317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 326,~~

~~327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332,~~

~~333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338~~ ~~344~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~226, 227B~~ ~~32~~

~~TILLMAN~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406,~~

~~407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412,~~

~~413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418,~~

~~419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424,~~

~~425, 426, 427, 430, 432, 433,~~

~~436, 437, 439, 448, 449, 450,~~

~~451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456,~~

~~457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462,~~

~~463, 464, 466, 467, 495, 496,~~

~~497~~ ~~697~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,692~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~‑1.685~~

~~DISTRICT 3~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~COOSAWHATCHIE~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106,~~

~~107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112,~~

~~113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118,~~

~~119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124,~~

~~125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130,~~

~~131, 132, 133, 138, 139, 140,~~

~~141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146,~~

~~147, 148, 161, 162, 163, 164,~~

~~165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170,~~

~~171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176,~~

~~177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182,~~

~~183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188,~~

~~189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194,~~

~~195, 196, 197~~ ~~716~~

~~GRAHAMVILLE 2~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~301, 302, 312, 313, 314, 315,~~

~~316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321,~~

~~322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327,~~

~~328, 329, 330, 331, 333, 401,~~

~~402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407,~~

~~408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413,~~

~~414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419,~~

~~420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425,~~

~~426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431,~~

~~433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438,~~

~~439, 440, 445, 446, 447, 448,~~

~~449~~ ~~1,014~~

~~GRAYS~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~120, 121, 153, 154, 155, 156,~~

~~157~~ ~~22~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,752~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~.+1.801~~

~~DISTRICT 4~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~COOSAWHATCHIE~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~134, 135, 136, 137, 149, 150,~~

~~151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156,~~

~~157, 158, 159, 160~~ ~~178~~

~~GILLISONVILLE~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~183, 187, 188, 191, 194, 195,~~

~~196, 197~~ ~~135~~

~~RIDGELAND 1~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~305, 306, 307, 308, 322, 323,~~

~~324, 325~~ ~~200~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207,~~

~~208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213A,~~

~~213B, 213C, 214, 215, 216, 217,~~

~~218, 219, 220, 221, 222A, 222B,~~

~~223, 224, 225, 227A, 228, 229A,~~

~~229B, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234,~~

~~235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 239A,~~

~~239B, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244,~~

~~245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250,~~

~~251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256,~~

~~257, 258, 259, 303, 304, 305,~~

~~306, 307, 308, 309A, 309B, 310,~~

~~342, 343, 344A, 344B, 345, 346,~~

~~347, 348, 349, 350A, 350B,351A,~~

~~351B, 352A, 352B, 359, 360, 361,~~

~~362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367,~~

~~368, 369, 370, 371~~ ~~1,259~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,772~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~+2.963~~

~~DISTRICT 5~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~GRAHAMVILLE 1~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~501, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546,~~

~~547, 548, 549, 550, 558, 559,~~

~~618, 619~~ ~~369~~

~~RIDGELAND 1~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352,~~

~~353, 354~~ ~~199~~

~~RIDGELAND 2~~ ~~1,194~~

~~TILLMAN~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~438~~ ~~0~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,762~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~+2.382~~

~~DISTRICT 6~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~HARDEEVILLE 1~~

~~Tract 9503.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206,~~

~~207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212,~~

~~213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218,~~

~~219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224,~~

~~225, 226C, 227B, 228, 229, 230,~~

~~235B, 236, 237B, 238, 239B, 259~~ ~~269~~  ~~HARDEEVILLE 2~~ ~~1,189~~

~~TILLMAN~~

~~Tract 9501.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~428, 429, 431, 434, 435, 440,~~

~~441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446,~~

~~447, 465, 468, 469, 470, 471,~~

~~472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477,~~

~~478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483,~~

~~484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489,~~

~~490, 491, 492, 493, 494~~ ~~121~~

~~Tract 9503.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~101B, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106,~~

~~107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112,~~

~~113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118,~~

~~119, 120, 121, 122, 125, 126,~~

~~135, 136, 194~~ ~~79~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,658~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~‑3.660~~

~~DISTRICT 7~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~GRAHAMVILLE 1~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606,~~

~~607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612,~~

~~613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 620,~~

~~621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626,~~

~~627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632,~~

~~633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638,~~

~~639, 640, 641, 655, 656, 657,~~

~~658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663,~~

~~664, 665, 670, 694, 695, 696,~~

~~697~~ ~~739~~

~~GRAHAMVILLE 2~~

~~Tract 9502.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~311, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337,~~

~~338, 339, 340, 341, 353, 354,~~

~~355, 356, 357, 358, 432, 441,~~

~~442, 443, 444, 450, 451~~ ~~657~~

~~OKATIE~~ ~~328~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,724~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~+0.174~~

~~DISTRICT 8~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~HARDEEVILLE 1~~

~~Tract 9503.00~~

~~Blocks:~~ ~~226A, 226B, 227A, 231, 232, 233A,~~

~~233B, 233C, 234A, 234B, 235A, 237A,~~

~~239A, 240, 241, 242, 243A, 243B,~~

~~244, 245A, 245B, 246, 247, 248,~~

~~249, 250, 251, 252A, 252B, 253,~~

~~254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260,~~

~~261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266,~~

~~267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272,~~

~~273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 301A,~~

~~301B, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306A,~~

~~306B, 307A, 307B, 308, 309, 310,~~

~~311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316,~~

~~317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322,~~

~~323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328,~~

~~329, 330, 331, 332A, 333A, 333B,~~

~~333C, 340A, 341A, 341B, 342, 343,~~

~~344A, 344B, 345, 346, 414, 415,~~

~~416~~ ~~1,759~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL~~ ~~1,759~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~+2.208~~

~~DISTRICT 9~~

~~Area~~ ~~Population~~

~~Jasper County~~

~~LEVY.~~ ~~1,652~~

~~DISTRICT TOTAL.~~ ~~1,652~~

~~PERCENT VARIATION~~ ~~‑4.009~~

~~(B)~~ ~~The Office of Research and Statistical Services of the Budget and Control Board shall maintain an official map of the districts established in subsection (A) and shall, upon request, assist the local election officials and the district in implementing the provisions of this act.~~

(1) Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning with school board elections in 2016, the seven single‑member election districts from which members of the Jasper County Board of Education must be elected are as shown on the Jasper County Board of Education map S‑53‑00‑15 as maintained by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

District Pop Dev. %Dev. Hisp %Hisp NH\_WHT

1 3,353 1 0.03% 111 3.31% 1,146

2 3,353 1 0.03% 525 15.66% 988

3 3,353 1 0.03% 255 7.61% 1,270

4 3,353 1 0.03% 428 12.76% 1,866

5 3,351 ‑1 ‑0.03% 1,365 40.73% 590

6 3,353 1 0.03% 613 18.28% 1,189

7 3,351 ‑1 ‑0.03% 387 11.55% 1,873

Total 23,467 3,684 15.70% 8,922

District %NH WHT NH BLK %NH BLK VAP H18 %H18

1 34.18% 2,082 62.09% 2,541 64 2.52%

2 29.47% 1,808 53.92% 2,400 297 12.38%

3 37.88% 1,774 52.91% 2,454 164 6.68%

4 55.65% 1,030 30.72% 2,520 268 10.63%

5 17.61% 1,333 39.78% 2,336 886 37.93%

6 35.46% 1,461 43.57% 2,479 394 15.89%

7 55.89% 1,022 30.50% 2,599 273 10.50%

Totals 38.02% 10,510 44.79% 17,329 2,346 13.54%

District NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 892 35.10% 1,572 61.87% 14 13

2 821 34.21% 1,261 52.54% 32 21

3 1,005 40.95% 1,241 50.57% 54 44

4 1,464 58.10% 769 30.52% 29 19

5 474 20.29% 935 40.03% 63 41

6 951 38.36% 1,075 43.36% 90 59

7 1,573 60.52% 700 26.93% 69 53

Totals 7,180 41.43% 7,553 43.59% 351 250

(B) The boundaries of the school district of Jasper County are not altered by the provisions of this act. These school district lines are as defined by law and any census blocks that may be divided are done so only for statistical purposes and to establish a population base.”

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning with the 2016 General Election, in order to qualify as a candidate for an odd numbered election district seat on the Jasper County Board of Education, a person shall file a statement of candidacy with the county board of elections and voter registration no earlier than August first, or if August first falls on Sunday, no earlier than the following Monday, and no later than twelve o’clock noon on August fifteenth, or if August fifteenth falls on Sunday, no later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. In 2018 the even numbered election district seats on the Jasper County Board of Education shall offer for election by filing a statement of candidacy with the county board of elections and voter registration. The statement of candidacy must be a sworn statement and must include the candidate’s name, age, voting precinct, and any other information the county board of elections and voter registration requires. A candidate for a single‑member election district seat also shall indicate for which seat number he is filing. When more than one person is seeking election to a single seat on the Jasper County Board of Education, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes is declared the winner of the seat. The county board of elections and voter registration shall conduct and supervise the elections for board members in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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