**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 278 OF 1985, AS AMENDED, 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, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 278 of 1985, as last amended by Act 476 of 1998, is further amended to read:

“Section 1. The central authority of Jasper County’s education system is the Jasper County Board of Education (board) which is, ex officio, the board of trustees of the Jasper County School District, and all powers and functions vested in school trustees by general or special enactment are vested in the board.

Notwithstanding ~~any other~~another provision of law, the board is composed of nine members whose terms ~~shall~~must be four years ~~except that the initial term for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be two years and four years thereafter~~, from 2012 for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 and from 2014 for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Each trustee must be a resident elector of the single member district from which the trustee is elected as designated in Section 2 of this act. A vacancy must be filled by special election ~~as provided in~~pursuant to Section 7‑13‑190.

Notice of the election must be published by the Jasper County Board of ~~Elections and~~ Voter Registration and Elections in a newspaper of general circulation in the district which shall contain appropriate information concerning the election, such as the date of the election, the qualifications of a candidate for election, the method of securing a place on the ballot, the legal requirements regarding the number of necessary signatures on the required petition, all pertinent deadlines, and the authority to whom the candidate’s petition must be submitted. The notice must be published not earlier than one hundred fifty days, and not later than one hundred twenty days, before the date of the election. The notice published pursuant to this act is additional to any general law requirements of notice of election pursuant to Title 7, ~~of the~~ Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

To have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate, a person shall submit to the county election commission a petition which, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7‑11‑70 ~~of the 1976 Code~~, shall contain the signatures of at least two and one‑half percent of the qualified registered electors of the single member district.

The name of the candidate, if he is otherwise qualified, must be placed upon the ballot by the authority charged by law with preparing the ballot if the petition is submitted, as required by this section, not later than twelve o’clock noon on August first prior to the date of the election, or if August first falls on Sunday, not later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. At the time the petition is submitted, the authority charged with accepting it shall issue a receipt to the person submitting the petition which shall reflect the date it was submitted and the total number of signatures it contains. The Jasper County Board of ~~Elections and~~ Voter Registration and Elections and shall check the petition at the request of the authority charged with printing the ballot and shall certify the results to that authority not later than twelve o’clock noon on September first prior to the date of the election, or if September first falls on Sunday, not later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. Once submitted for verification, the petition may not be returned to the petitioner but must be retained by the authority to whom it was submitted and must become a part of the public records of the election for which it was submitted.

Successors to those whose terms are expiring must be elected at the general election. Notice of the election must be published pursuant to the general law requirements of notice of election pursuant to Title 7.

Candidates shall qualify by statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7‑13‑352.”

SECTION 2. 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) The nine single‑member election districts from which members of the Jasper County Board of Education must be elected are as shown on a map identified as S-53-00-15B and 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 2,645 38 1.46% 135 5.10% 796

2 2,615 8 0.31% 559 21.38% 1,431

3 2,628 21 0.81% 436 16.59% 733

4 2,619 12 0.46% 249 9.51% 1,474

5 2,592 ‑15 ‑0.58% 281 10.84% 914

6 2,532 -75 -2.88% 424 16.75% 1,344

7 2,643 36 1.38% 206 7.79% 880

8 2,654 47 1.80% 1,053 39.68% 424

9 2,539 -68 -2.61% 341 13.43% 926

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

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

1 30.09% 1,699 64.23% 2,019 78 3.86%

2 54.72% 567 21.68% 2,057 381 18.52%

3 27.89% 1,437 54.68% 1,865 247 13.24%

4 56.28% 880 33.60% 1,968 148 7.52%

5 35.26% 1,366 52.70% 1,896 176 9.28%

6 53.08%  723 28.55% 1,854 290 15.64%

7 33.30% 1,523 57.62% 1,947 129 6.63%

8 15.98% 1,098 41.37% 1,847 686 37.14%

9 36.47% 1,217 47.93% 1,876 211 11.25%

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

District NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 647 32.05% 1,284 63.60% 15 10

2 1,195 58.09% 434 21.10% 58 47

3 576 30.88% 1,024 54.91% 22 18

4 1,152 58.54% 656 33.33% 16 12

5 731 38.55% 961 50.69% 31 28

6 1,075 57.98% 463 24.97% 41 26

7 718 36.88% 1,078 55.37% 34 22

8 352 19.06% 760 41.15% 79 49

9 734 39.13% 893 47.60% 55 38

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

~~(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.~~”

SECTION 3. Section 3 of Act 476 of 1998 is amended to read:

“Section 3. (A) ~~The office of the Attorney General shall be responsible for the necessary preclearance submission to the U. S. Department of Justice to facilitate preclearance of this act to implement the elections in the General Election of 1998.~~ To effect prompt transition to the plan of single‑member election districts established by Section 2 of this act, a transitional election for all nine seats on the board must be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 7‑13‑190, on the thirteenth Tuesday following the effective date of this act, as if each numbered seat were vacant as of the effective date of this act.

(B) Incumbency of each board member in office upon the effective date of this act ceases upon the election and qualification of a successor pursuant to the transitional election held pursuant to subsection (A).

(C) On the same basis as any other resident elector of the single‑member districts established in Section 2 of this act, an incumbent member in office upon the effective date of this act, and otherwise qualified, may run in the transitional election for the board seat corresponding to his qualifications.

(D) The members elected in the transitional election held pursuant to this act from seats 2, 4, 6 and 8 shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify for a full term pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this act at the general election in 2016. The members specially elected pursuant to this act from seats 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 shall serve until successors are elected and qualify for a full term pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this act at the general election in 2018.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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