

House Bill 1430 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To reconstitute the Board of Education of Crisp County; to provide for legislative purpose;  
2 to provide for the composition and election of said board; to provide for election districts;  
3 to provide for terms of office; to provide for qualifications for office; to provide for  
4 vacancies; to provide for meetings and quorums; to provide compensation; to provide for  
5 continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of  
6 subsequent members; to provide for compensation of board members; to abolish the current  
7 Board of Education of Crisp County on a date certain and shorten the terms of office of  
8 certain members of such board; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates;  
9 to repeal a local constitutional amendment proposed by a certain resolution act; to repeal  
10 specific acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the 1956 amendment to the Constitution relating to the  
14 merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele and the school district in the  
15 County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said city into one school district and to  
16 reconstitute the Crisp County Board of Education.

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**SECTION 2.**

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18 (a) The Board of Education of Crisp County shall be composed of five members to be  
19 elected as provided in this Act. In order to be elected as a member of the board from an  
20 education district, a person must have resided in that district for at least 12 months prior to  
21 election thereto and must receive a majority of the votes cast for such office in that district.  
22 Only electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a member of the board  
23 for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the board from an  
24 education district, each candidate for such office shall specify the education district for which  
25 that person is a candidate. A person elected as a member of the board from an education  
26 district must continue to reside in that district during the person's term of office or such office  
27 shall thereupon become vacant. The at-large member of the board from District 5 may reside  
28 anywhere within the Crisp County School District and must receive a majority of the votes  
29 cast for such office in all of that district.

30 (b) For the purpose of electing members of the board of education, the Crisp County School  
31 District shall be divided into five education districts. Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and  
32 correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A attached to and made  
33 a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Crisp SB Plan Name: CrispSB-2022 Plan  
34 Type: Local'. Education District 5 shall be composed of the entire geographic area of the  
35 Crisp County School District.

36 (c)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

37 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
38 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
39 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
40 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
41 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
42 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

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

47 (2) Any part of the Crisp County School District which is not included in any district  
48 described in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous  
49 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
50 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

51 (3) Any part of the Crisp County School District which is described in subsection (b) of  
52 this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included  
53 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous  
54 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains  
55 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State  
56 of Georgia

57 (d) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in  
58 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code." Each  
59 member shall be elected by the voters of Crisp County registered and qualified to vote for  
60 members of the General Assembly.

61 **SECTION 3.**

62 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the term of each board member shall  
63 be four years beginning on January 1 of the year following the election of the member.

64 (b)(1) The terms of office of the initial members elected to represent Districts 1 and 2  
65 and the at-large District 5 position shall be two years, beginning January 1, 2023, and  
66 ending December 31, 2024. Thereafter, all successors to such members shall serve  
67 four-year terms.

68 (2) The initial terms of office of the members elected to represent Districts 3 and 4 shall  
69 be four years, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026. Thereafter,  
70 all successors to such members shall serve four-year terms.

71 **SECTION 4.**

72 Any person, to be eligible for membership on the board, must have resided in Crisp County  
73 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election and must reside in the  
74 district from which he or she offers as a candidate for at least 12 months immediately  
75 preceding the date of the election.

76 **SECTION 5.**

77 In the event a person who represents an education district moves his or her residence from  
78 such district, a vacancy shall exist for such district. In the event of a vacancy on the board  
79 for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the remaining members of the  
80 board of education shall appoint a successor to serve until the next general election in which  
81 members of the General Assembly are elected, in which election a successor shall be elected  
82 to serve out the unexpired term of office in which the vacancy occurs; provided, however,  
83 that, if a vacancy occurs within two years and 90 days of the expiration of the term of office,  
84 the person appointed shall serve out the remainder of the term.

85 **SECTION 6.**

- 86 (a) At the first meeting of the board of education in January of each year, the board shall  
87 elect a chairperson, who shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself.
- 88 (b) A quorum of the board shall be three members.

89 **SECTION 7.**

90 Each member of the board of education shall be compensated in the amount of \$250.00 for  
91 each day of attendance at meetings of the board and training sessions and conferences  
92 approved by the board.

93 **SECTION 8.**

94 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such on  
95 the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall  
96 continue to serve as such members until the member of the board elected pursuant to the  
97 provisions of this Act take office on January 1, 2023.

98 (b) The two members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such  
99 on the effective date of this Act whose terms expire on December 31, 2022, pursuant to an  
100 Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of  
101 Cordele and the existing school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate  
102 limits of said city, approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), as amended, shall  
103 serve out the terms to which they were elected.

104 (c) Except for members provided for in subsection (b) of this section, the terms of office of  
105 the members of the Board of Education of Crisp County who are serving as such on the  
106 effective date of this Act shall be shortened and shall end on December 31, 2022.

107 **SECTION 9.**

108 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the board of education shall be subject to all  
109 constitutional and statutory provisions relative to county boards of education.

110 **SECTION 10.**

111 The election superintendent of Crisp County shall call and conduct an election as provided  
112 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Crisp County

113 School District for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that  
 114 election on the date of the 2022 general primary and shall issue the call and conduct that  
 115 election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and  
 116 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding  
 117 the date thereof in the official organ of Crisp County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
 118 thereon the words:

119     " YES    Shall the Act be approved which revises and restates the law relating to the  
 120                         Board of Education of Crisp County, shortens the terms of the current board  
 121      NO     of education, provides for the election of a new board of education, and  
 122                         repeals that constitutional amendment relating to the merger of the  
 123                         independent school system of the City of Cordele and the school district in  
 124                         the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said city, into one  
 125                         school district which was proposed by Resolution Act No. 20-64(e) of the  
 126                         1956 General Assembly (Ga. L. 1956, p. 111) and duly ratified at the 1956  
 127                         election?"

128 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
 129 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
 130 such question are for approval of the Act, then Sections 1 through 9 and Section 11 of this  
 131 Act shall become of full force and effect on July 1, 2022. If the Act is not so approved or if  
 132 the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 through 9 and Section 11  
 133 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first  
 134 day of July immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be  
 135 borne by Crisp County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result  
 136 thereof to the Secretary of State.

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**SECTION 11.**

138 (a) The constitutional amendment relating to the merger of the independent school system  
139 of the City of Cordele and the school district in the County of Crisp lying outside the  
140 corporate limits of said city into one school district, which was proposed by Resolution Act  
141 No. 20-64(e) of the 1956 General Assembly (Ga. L. 1956, p. 111) and duly ratified at the  
142 1956 election and continued in force and effect as part of the Constitution of the State of  
143 Georgia by an Act approved February 18, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 3552), is hereby repealed.

144 (b) An Act providing for the merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele  
145 and the school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said city,  
146 so as to constitute one school district or system coextensive with the limits of said county,  
147 approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), is hereby repealed in its entirety, and all  
148 amendatory acts thereto are likewise repealed in their entirety.

149 (c) An Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Crisp County, approved  
150 February 17, 2022, (2022 HB 956, Act No. 408), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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**SECTION 12.**

152 Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
153 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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**SECTION 13.**

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

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## APPENDIX A

157 User: Crisp SB

158 Plan Name: CrispSB-2022

159 Plan Type: Local

160 District 001

161 County Crisp GA

162 VTD ARABI

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177 VTD CORDELE

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234 District 003

235 County Crisp GA

236 VTD CORDELE

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