

# Richmond County

## Board of Elections



2011 - 2012

## **AN ACT**

To provide for the continued existence of the public school system of the County of Richmond in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and for its management and control as provided in an Act entitled “An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond”, approved August 23, 1872 (Georgia Laws 1872, pages 456-463) as amended by an Act entitled “Richmond County Education System”, approved February 25, 1949, (Georgia Laws 1949, pages 1435-1460), and as further amended by this Act; to repeal all Acts hitherto passed amendatory of or supplemental to said Act approved August 23, 1872; and as amended by an Act approved February 25, 1949; to amend said Acts approved August 23, 1872 and February 25, 1949; so as to provide for the management and control of such public school system as a single district; for the election, terms of office, organization, powers, compensation and duties of the board of Education; for the method making appropriations and the levying and collection of taxes for the support of such public school system, for the appointment, powers and duties of a superintendent of schools; for the operation of the schools according to an annual budget; for the

## SECTION A

The public school system of the County of Richmond established by an Act entitled “An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond”, approved August 23, 1872, shall, in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, continue in existence unaffected by the provisions of the said Constitution and shall be managed and controlled as provided in said Act of August 23, 1872, as amended by said Act approved February 29, 1949, and as amended by this Act. The Board of Education provided for in this Act shall be a continuation of the Board of Education in existence in Richmond County at the time of the passage of this Act, and there shall be no interruption of the corporate existence of such board because of a change in the method of the election of the members. *N.B., This amended Act was approved as a total restatement on March 21, 1974.)*

## **SECTION B**

### Section 1. RICHMOND COUNTY, A SINGLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(a) The County of Richmond shall be a single school district and shall be confined to the management and control of an elected Board of Education.

(b) The members of the Board of Education shall be bona fide residents of the districts or combinations thereof, for which they are a candidate for a period of at least one year and shall also be a bona fide resident of Richmond County for a period of not less than two years preceding their election. They shall be eligible to vote in the election for which they are a candidate and shall be elected by the qualified voters in the County of Richmond voting by district or combinations thereof, as hereafter set out. The election for members of the Board of Education shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year once biennial elections have been phased in as herein provided. At least fifty (50) days prior to the date of said election, every person hereinafter intending to become a candidate for membership on the Board of Education shall file, in the Office of the Board of Elections of Richmond County with an employee of said office, a declaration of said intentions, stating in addition the district or combination thereof he is a candidate to represent.

(c) Each candidate for the Board of Education shall pay a \$100.00 qualifying fee with the Board of Elections upon the date that he files his notice of candidacy. A written acknowledgment of the receipt of such declaration from the Board of Elections shall always be evidence of its filing. In the event not more than one such notice or declaration of intention is filed

in respect to any position, the person filing shall automatically become the board member from such district or combinations thereof for the next ensuing term as fixed by law; and no election shall be held for such post or district. In the event no notices or declarations are filed by a candidate to become a member of the Board from any district or combinations thereof; the Board of Education shall fill such vacancy by a majority vote of members present at a special meeting of the Board called for that purpose. When more than one candidate to become a member of the Board of Education files from a particular district or combinations thereof an election shall be held. The Board of Elections of Richmond County shall certify the unopposed candidates and, based upon this certification, the Secretary of State is authorized to issue commissions to such unopposed candidates.

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*was amended by effect and through extrapolation by Senate Bill No. 848, 1992, Section 1, which explicitly amended subsection (e) (2) of this section, allowing for “ten school board districts”; and subsequently, this subsection was further amended by effect and through extrapolation by House Bill No. 1688, 2002, Section 1, which reiterates the allowance for “ten school board districts,” and which further states that “[o]ne member of the board shall be elected from each such district.” (emphasis supplied).*

(e) (2) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Richmond County School District is divided into ten school board districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. School Board Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall be and correspond to those eight numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: richrev3 Plan Type: Local User: Gina Administrator: Richmond Co. School Board District 9 shall be composed of a combination of School Board Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 as each is described in such plan. School Board District 10 shall be composed of a combination of School Board Districts 3, 6, 7, and 8 as each is described in such plan. {House Bill No. 1688, 2002, Section 1} ***N.B., “Name” and “Plan Type: Local User” is identification provided by State Reapportionment Office.***

(f) When used in such attachment, the terms ‘Tract’ and ‘BG’ (Block Group) shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a ‘BG’ heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Richmond County

School District which is not included in any such district described in that attachment shall be





the O.C.G.A., a special election to fill that vacancy shall be conducted on that date and shall be called by the election superintendent of Augusta-Richmond County at least 40 days preceding that date. If the vacancy occurs less than 50 days prior to the date upon which the next special election may be conducted after the occurrence of that vacancy, as provided under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A., a special election may be conducted and shall be called by the election superintendent of Augusta-Richmond County at least 40 days preceding the date of such election. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall serve out the remainder of the unexpired term caused by that vacancy and until a successor is elected and qualified. Any candidates desiring to qualify in the special election provided for in this subsection to fill a vacancy shall have the residency requirements provided for in this section, and the candidates shall qualify and run for election as provided for in this section. {House Bill No. 1688, 2002, Section 3}

(l) Any vacancy to be filled on and after this subsection becomes effective in 2002 shall be filled from the reapportioned district. {House Bill No. 1688, 2002, Section 3}

(m) At least 50 days prior to the date of any election for members of the board under this Act, every person intending to become a candidate for membership on the board of education shall file a declaration of intention and identify the particular district he is a candidate to represent with the board of elections of Richmond County. Each candidate for the board of education shall pay a \$100.00 qualifying fee with the board of elections upon the date that he files his notice of candidacy. A written acknowledgment of the receipt of such declaration from the board of elections shall always be ev

be held for such district or office. In the event no notices or declarations are filed by a candidate to become the member of the board from a particular district, the board of education shall fill such vacancy by a majority vote of members present at a special meeting of the board called for that purpose. When more than one candidate to become a member of the board of education files from a particular district, an election shall be held. The board of elections of Richmond County shall certify the unopposed candidates and, based upon this certification, the Secretary of State is authorized to issue commissions to such unopposed candidates. {Senate Bill No. 554, 1984 }

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Bill No. 848, 1992}

**SECTION C**

Section 2. CORPORATE POWERS OF BOARD. And be it further enacted, that the said Board of Education shall be a body politic and corporate in law, and as such may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of the State having competent jurisdiction, and receive any gift, grant, donation or devise made for the use of schools within their jurisdiction, and moreover, they shall be, and they are hereby, invested in their corporate capacity with the title, care and custody of all school house sites, now, heretofore, or hereafter belonging to the County Board of Education of Richmond County, school libraries, apparatus or other property belonging to the educational department of the county as now organized or hereafter to be organized, with all power to control, lease, sell or convey the same, in such manner as they may think will best subserve the interest of schools and cause of education.

## SECTION D

Section 3. BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE. The board of education shall hold an organizational meeting on the Saturday preceding the second Thursday in January, 1993, and every two years thereafter, at 10:00 a.m., in the office of the board of education. The board shall then proceed to organize by electing one of its members president and one vice president for the term of two years from the Saturday preceding the second Thursday in January, 1993, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The president and vice president may be elected to succeed themselves in office. The superintendent of schools shall be secretary of the board. All conveyances and contracts shall be executed on behalf of the board by the president or vice president and the secretary.

The board of education shall hold regular meetings, not less frequently than once each month, the day and hour of which shall be fixed for the ensuing two years at its organizational meeting, and such regular meetings shall be held on the dates and hours as provided in the minutes of the meeting of the board held on the second Saturday of January, 1993, until its next organizational meeting; provided, however, that the board may adjust or change the date or time set for a particular regular meeting upon giving proper notice to the public and news media as required by this Act and applicable open meeting laws. Special meetings may be called by the president, by the vice president in the event of the president's absence from the county or due to the incapacity of the president, by the superintendent of schools, or by a majority of the members; provided a written notice of the time and place of such meeting and of the subject or subjects to be considered thereat shall be dispatched by mail to each member of the board at least three days prior to the date of such meeting. At such special meeting, only the subject or subjects referred to in such notice shall be acted upon. A

majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The minutes of each meeting shall be recorded by the secretary in a book provided for that purpose which shall be a public record and open to inspection in his or her office during regular business hours. In the absence of the secretary, the next highest ranked administrator employed by the board of education shall be designated to act in his or her behalf as secretary for the board until his or her return.

In accordance with the laws governing the Richmond County education system prior to the passage and approval of this Act, the present president and vice president shall continue to hold office until the next organizational meeting and until their successors are qualified and elected.



## **SECTION F**

Section 5. POWERS OF THE BOARD. Subject to the provision of this Act, the Board of Education shall have power:

(a) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, construct, repair, maintain and operate school properties, schoolhouses, and school grounds and to equip the same, including the provisions of school libraries, laboratories, playground equipment and all other facilities appropriate for school buildings and grounds.

(b) To exercise in acquiring land for school purposes the right of eminent domain in the manner provided by law for its exercise by municipal corporations.

(c) To appoint and remove a superintendent of schools, and such principals, teachers, supervisors, attendance officers, janitors and other employees as in its discretion are necessary,

(f) To fix the compensation and prescribe the powers and duties of all employees,



(g) To establish upon the recommendations of the superintendent of schools the course of study for each class and grade in the school system.

(h) To fix the amount of tuition to be paid by non-resident pupils in the public schools of Richmond County.

(i) To establish the qualifications of teachers and other employees of the Board, provided that the Board shall be governed by the provisions of Section 11 of this Act.

(j) To adopt, as hereinafter provided, an annual budget for the support of the public school system of Richmond County and annually to levy a tax for school purposes.

(k) To borrow money for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing, repairing and equipping buildings and grounds for school purposes; provided, that any proposal to issue bonds shall be submitted to the electors of the county at a general election or a special election called by the Board of Education for the purpose and held and conducted as are elections for county officers, the cost of which if a special election shall be paid by the Board of Education, and that no bonds shall be issued unless such proposal is approved by a majority of those voting thereon at such election.

(l) To make rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of its business and the government of its employees and the pupils of the schools.

(m) To permit, under such regulations as it may prescribe, the use of school buildings or grounds or any portion thereof when not in actual use for school purposes, for civic, political, educational, or community meetings or entertainments held under the direction of responsible citizens, and to charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of heating, lighting, and cleaning, incident to such meetings.

(n) To operate or provide for the operation, but in no case for profit, of lunchrooms or



(a.1) The superintendent of schools may be removed by the board of education during the term of office, provided that the superintendent shall first be served with a clear statement in writing of the cause of that removal and be given an opportunity to be heard thereon at a public meeting of said board to be held not less than ten nor more than 20 days after the service of such statement. The superintendent shall be entitled to be represented by counsel at such hearing, and, upon the superintendent's request, witnesses whose testimony is pertinent to the charges against the superintendent shall be subpoenaed by the president or vice president of the board. After such hearing, the board's decision, upon a vote of two-

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Certificate and a graduate degree from an institution approved by a regional accrediting agency. In addition, he or she must hold a six-year Professional Administrator's Certificate. He or she shall have had at least five years experience in the field of educational administration. He or she need not, at the time of his or her appointment, be a resident of Richmond County or the State of Georgia, but during his or her service as superintendent, he or she shall reside in Richmond County. The Office Commissioner of Education is hereby abolished. {House Bill No. 780, 1999, Section 3}

(c) The superintendent of schools shall be the executive officer of the Board of Education and shall act as its secretary. He shall supervise the preparation of the annual budget and submit the same to the Board; attend all its meetings with the right to speak therein, but not to vote; conduct such examinations for candidates for teaching positions as may be provided by the rules of the Board of Education; certify those successfully passing such examinations; he shall nominate all principals, supervisors, teachers, and other employees, for appointment by the Board, provided that he shall not recommend for appointment any teacher as defined in Section 13 of this Act, who has not first been duly certified by him as possessing the qualifications established by the Board; assign pupils to their proper schools and grades; and, subject to his responsibility to the Board supervise, direct and control the operation of schools, departments, offices and employees of the Board.

(d) He shall have power to require such reports from each principal, supervisor and teacher as he may deem necessary or which may be required by law. He shall furnish to the State School Superintendent all reports and information which may be required and shall report from time to time to the Board of Education on all matters pertinent to the administration of the public schools. Within two months of the close of each fiscal year, he shall prepare for submission to the Board a brief and comprehensive report of the activities and finances of the public school system of

Richmond County which shall be given to the press and be available to the public at the Board of Education office.

(e) Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by

## **SECTION H**

### Section 7. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Richmond County Board of Education shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June.
  
- (b) Budget. As soon as practicable, subsequent to the county board of education

The budget shall also contain estimates of revenues as follows:

greater proportion of the total of such executions not more than seven years old outstanding at the beginning on the current fiscal year from the proportion of the actual cash revenues from executions in the preceding year to the total of executions not more than seven years old outstanding at the beginning of that fiscal year;

(2) Revenues from all other sources except current taxes on property locally assessed, and except special grants and other nonrecurring revenues, but including taxes based

so, the board of education shall correct any mistake in computing the estimates of the superintendent of schools but shall not reduce the sums required for debt service or to meet a deficit of the preceding year below the amounts actually necessary for such purpose or increase the estimate of revenues from any source, except that it shall be the duty of the said board of education to adjust the sum to be raised by current taxes on property locally assessed, to any increase or decrease in the total expenditures authorized, assuming the rate of collection above provided, and in no event shall the total of expenditures authorized exceed the total of revenues estimated plus budgeted fund balance. The board in its discretion may allocate so much of the unallocated, unappropriated, and unencumbered fund balance to balance the budget as it deems appropriate.

(c) Levy and collection of taxes. Upon the adoption of the budget, the board shall proceed to determine, in accordance therewith, the levy in mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all taxable property in the county as shown by the county digest for the year in which the levy is made and certify the same forthwith to the Board of Commissioners of Richmond County. It shall be their duty to make out an assessment and return of such tax against all the legal taxpayers of the county and furnish a copy of said assessment and return to the officer responsible for the collection of taxes in Richmond County, whose duty it shall be to collect said tax and deposit it to the credit of the Board of Education of Richmond County in the bank or banks designated as hereinafter provided.

The Board of Education of Richmond County is authorized to include in its budget any commitments of payment of funds from the State Department of Education to the Board of Education of Richmond County and from the United States government to the Board of Education of Richmond County.

(d) Additional appropriations. No supplemental or additional appropriations shall be



made unless it is first certified by the secretary of the board of education that there is an unappropriated and unencumbered reserve or an additional source of revenue has been determined from which such appropriation can be made.

(e) Local policy a

except by advertising for bids three successive days in a daily newspaper and in such other publications as deemed appropriate by the board published in Richmond County, which advertisement shall state the time and place at which the secretary of the board of education will receive sealed proposals for the work or commodity in question. The bids shall be opened and read in public at the next meeting of the board and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all bids shall be rejected and readvertisement ordered. The names of all bidders with the amount of their bids shall be kept on file for one year in the office of the secretary of the board and shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours. No member of the board of education shall participate in the action of the board in awarding a contract in which he is interested personally or as a member of a firm or majority stockholder or officer of a corporation.

In addition to the procedures for opening and reading bids as required above for purchases in excess of \$7,500.00, the controller or an authorized person from the controller's office shall be allowed to open and read such bids in public at the board office on dates prior to any regular or special called board meeting so long as all affected bidders and vendors are notified of the time and place of the bid opening and at least one other person is present at said bid opening. If this alternate bid procedure is used, the bids so opened shall be computed and presented to the board of education at its next regular or any special called board meeting and at such meeting the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications or all bids shall be rejected and readvertisement reordered. This is an alternate bid opening procedure and does not change any of the requirements for advertisement, public inspection, or any other portion of the laws relating to the Board of Education of Richmond County and its procedure in letting contracts for \$7,500.00 or over other than allowing for this one additional method of opening and reading bids. The board of

education may set such conditions, terms, and requirements as it deems necessary where the amount of such addition, repair, or purchase costs are less than \$7,500.00. {House Bill No. 1628, 2000,

## **SECTION K**

Section 9. COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION. Each member of the board except the president and vice president shall be paid the sum of \$6,800.00, per annum, payable in equal monthly installments; the vice president of said board shall be paid the sum of \$7,400.00, per annum, payable in equal monthly installments; and the president of said board shall be paid in the sum of \$8,000.00, per annum, payable in equal monthly installments. {House Bill No. 780, 1999, Section 4}

**SECTION L**

Section 10. COMPENSATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. Be it further enacted that the superintendent of schools shall receive for his services such compensation as the County Board of Education may from time to time prescribe, to be paid out of the county school fund in the same manner as other bills.

## SECTION M

Section 11. TENURE OF TEACHERS. As used in this section, the word “teacher” shall include all persons professionally certified by the State Department of Education employed as teachers, principals, administrators and supervisors, except all assistant superintendents, associate superintendents and the superintendent of schools.

The superintendent of schools shall be removed under such conditions as set out elsewhere in this charter. Assistant or associate superintendents may be demoted and/or transferred by the Board of Education under the following terms and conditions.

The superintendent shall recommend in writing to the Board that such assistant or associate superintendent be demoted and/or transferred, stating the reasons therefor. The Board, at any regular meeting, may

salary below the salary being paid other persons in the system held in the system by such assistant or associate superintendent prior to his appointment to assistant or associate superintendent. Assistant or associate superintendents shall not be removed from the system except for one of the reasons and subject to all the terms and conditions numbered (a through m), inclusive, hereinafter stated in this section of the charter.

Teachers who have not been employed by the Board of education prior to the commencement of the school year of 1948 for as much as three consecutive years shall be appointed to serve for not more than one year at a time until they shall have completed a probationary service of three school years of not less than seven consecutive months each, including such years as they shall have served prior to 1948. All teachers reappointed, without the condition hereinafter described, after the expiration of the probationary period, including all teachers who, prior to the commencement of the school year of 1948, have been permanently elected as provided in an Act approved March 12, 1937 (Ga. Laws, 1937, pages 1409-1413), shall have a permanent tenure and no teacher shall be removed from his employment with the Board of Education or shall the status of any teacher be changed so as to effect a reduction in his salary except for one of the following reasons:

- (a) Nonperformance of duty;
- (b) Incompetency;
- (c) Immorality;
- (d) Inefficiency;
- (e) Conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude;
- (f) Failure or refusal to comply with all reasonable orders, requests or directions of the superintendent or other superior official;

- (g) Violation of any rule or regulation of the Board of Education;
- (h) Persistent failure or refusal to maintain orderly discipline of students;
- (i) Inciting, encouraging or counseling students to violate any valid state law, municipal ordinance, or policy or rule of the Board of Education;
- (j) Revocation by competent state authority of the certificate of a teacher or other certified personnel;
- (k) Violation of any contract provision;
- (l) Physical or mental incapacity to carry on his work as a teacher;
- (m) Conduct reflecting discredit on the teaching profession or the public schools of Richmond County.

The condition above referred to, by reason of which teachers reappointed after the probationary period shall not have permanent tenure, shall be that condition which shall exist by reason of the employment of teachers to whom there has not been issued by the State Department of Education a full four year college professional teacher's certificate, and there shall be a continuance of the probationary period as to each such teacher so long as his conditional certificate is in effect. Thereafter, upon reappointment, he shall have the same rights of permanent tenure as above described.

Before a removal on any of the grounds set forth above as (a through m), inclusive, the teacher shall be entitled to a clear statement in writing of the grounds of the proposed removal and an opportunity to be heard thereon before the Board of Education, personally or by counsel, which hearing shall be public. The president or vice president of the Board shall subpoena at the request of



the teacher all witnesses whose testimony would be pertinent to the matter in hand. After such hearing, the decision of the Board of Education shall be final. The Board of Education may, on the recommendation of the superintendent, suspend any teacher against whom removal charges are pending. If the charges are not sustained, the teacher shall be entitled to receive his salary for the period of such suspension. The Board of Education shall have power to make all rules and regulations consistent with the terms of this section necessary to give effect to the same and more particularly establishing the professional standards which teachers must maintain, as provided in paragraph (g) below. Nothing in this section shall be taken to limit the power of the Board of





**SECTION O**

**SECTION P**

Section 14. SCHOOLS EXCEPT JUNIOR COLLEGE TO BE FREE TO RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND COUNTY. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that admission to all the public schools of the county, including high schools, shall be free to children, actual residents of Richmond County, but the board shall charge such sums for tuition and incidental expenses in junior college as the Board from time to time shall prescribe.

**SECTION Q**

Section 15. APPLICATION OF GENERAL LAWS. And be it further enacted, that no general law upon the subject of education, now in force in this State, or hereafter to be enacted by the General Assembly, shall be so construed as to interfere with, diminish or supersede the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon the Board of Education of Richmond County by this Act, unless it shall be so expressly provided by designation said County and Board under their respective names.

## SECTION R

The Acts and portions of Acts described in the immediately following paragraphs numbered (1) through (14) shall be and the same are hereby repealed:

(1) An act approved February 15, 1952, entitled “An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the continued existence of the public school system of the county of Richmond in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and for its management and control as provided in an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond’, approved August 23, 1872, pages 456-463, as amended by this Act.” (Ga. L. 1952, pages 2649-2652)

(2) An act approved February 19, 1953, entitled an Act to amend an Act approved February 25, 1949, (Ga. L. 1949, pages 1435-1460), and the amendatory Acts thereof, entitled “An Act to provide for the continued existence of the public school system of the County of Richmond in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and for its management and control as provided in an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond’ approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, pages 456-463) as amended by this Act.” (Ga. L. 1953, pages 2440-2442)

(3) An Act approved March 4, 1955, entitled “An Act to provide for the continued existence of the public school system of the County of Richmond in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and for its management and control as provided in an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond’, approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, pages 456-463), as amended by this Act; to repeal all Acts

hitherto passed amendatory of or supplemental to said Act approved August 23, 1872.” (Ga. L. 1955, pages 2644-2650)

(4) An Act approved March 6, 1956, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled, “An Act to amend an Act to provide for the continued existence of the public school system of the County of Richmond in accordance with Section X of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and for its management and control as provided in an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate public instruction in the County of Richmond’, approved August 23, 1872, pages 456-463, as amended by this Act.” (Ga. L. 1956, pages 2891-2895)

(5) An Act approved March 10, 1959, entitled “An Act to amend an Act regulating public instruction in the County of Richmond approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, page 456), as amended particularly by an Act approved February 25, 1949, (Ga. L. 1949, page 1435), an s 2644- Aeorucd



page 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, page 1435), so as to change the terms of office of the president and vice president; to provide that they shall have the right to succeed themselves; to change the fiscal year; to authorize the Board of Education to include in its budget any written commitments of payment of funds from the State Department of Education and from the United States; to relieve the members of the Board of Education from fiscal liability for deficit spending under certain circumstances; to authorize the business manager to sign checks or warrants in the absence of the superintendent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.” ( Ga. L. 1964, pages 2832-2833)

(8) An Act approved February 28, 1966, to amend an Act entitled “An Act to amend an Act regulating public instruction in the County of Richmond, approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, page 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, page 1408), an Act approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, page 1435), an Act approved March 4, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, page 2644), and an Act approved March 17, 1960 (Ga L. 1960, page 3132), so as to change the compensation of the members, president and vice president of the Board of Education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.” (Ga. L. 1966, pages 2103-2104)

(9) An Act approved March 21, 1968, to amend an Act entitled “An Act to amend an Act regulating public instruction in the County of Richmond, approved August 23, 1872, (Ga. L. 1872, page 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, page 1408), an Act approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, page 1435), an Act approved March 4, 1955, (Ga. L. 1955, page 2644), an Act approved March 17, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, page 3132), and an Act approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, page 2103), so as to fix the date of the election for members of the County Board of Education of Richmond County hereafter elected on the first

Tuesday after the first Monday in November in all future elections.” (Ga. L. 1968, pages 2684-2685)

(10) An Act approved April 11, 1968, to amend an Act entitled “An Act to amend an Act regulating public instruction in the County of Richmond, approved August 23, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, page 456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1937, (Ga. L. 1937, page 1408), an Act approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, page 1435), an Act approved March 4, 1955, (Ga. L. 1955, page 2644), an Act approved March 17, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, page 3132), and an Act

so as to provide that the County Board of Education shall have the right to retain an attorney to advise and represent said County Board of Education of Richmond County; to provide for and pay for services rendered by him solely from Board funds; to delete therefrom those provisions which provide that the County Attorney for Richmond County shall be ex officio attorney for the County Board of Education.” (Ga. L. 1973, pages 3308-3310)

(14) And all other Acts or Parts of Acts in conflict with this Act.

{NOTE: Paragraphs (1)-(14) of Section R were placed in the Charter in 1974, when the board reinstated the Charter in order to make it one (1) complete document. Said paragraphs are for historical references only, and, otherwise, have no relevance. }

## **SECTION U**

SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the applicability thereof and of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**AN ACT**

To carry into effect an amendment to the Constitution, as found in Ga. Laws 1980, page 2162; to provide for the governing authority of the Public School System of Richmond County to