

Senate Bill 543

By: Senator Gillis of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the members of the Treutlen County Board  
2 of Education, approved March 23, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 2340), as amended, so as to  
3 reconstitute the board of education; to change the description of the education districts; to  
4 provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current  
5 members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for  
6 submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
7 amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing for the election of the members of the Treutlen County Board of  
11 Education, approved March 23, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 2340), as amended, is amended by  
12 striking Sections 1, 2, and 3 and inserting in their place new Sections 1, 2, and 3 to read as  
13 follows:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 The board of education of Treutlen County which existed immediately prior to the effective  
16 date of this Act is continued in existence but on and after the effective date of this Act shall  
17 be constituted as provided in this Act. The board of education of Treutlen County so  
18 continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the 'board,' shall continue  
19 to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed  
20 immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 (a) Those members of the board of education of Treutlen County who are serving as such  
23 immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy  
24 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of

1 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
2 successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the board of education of Treutlen  
3 County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be elected from education districts  
4 described in subsection (b) of this section.

5 (b) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, the Treutlen County  
6 School District is divided into five education districts. One member of the board shall be  
7 elected from each such district. The five education districts shall be and correspond to  
8 those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and  
9 further identified as Plan Name: treutp2 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator:  
10 Treutlen Co.

11 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean  
12 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of  
13 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The  
14 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading  
15 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report  
16 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of  
17 Georgia. Any part of the Treutlen County School District which is not included in any  
18 such district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous  
19 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial  
20 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the Treutlen County School District  
21 which is described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not  
22 be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
23 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part  
24 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000  
25 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any education  
26 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the  
27 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States  
28 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

29 (d) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office  
30 pursuant to Code Sections 45-2-1 and 20-2-51 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law  
31 applicable to that office.

32 (e) In order to be elected as a member of the board from an education district, a person  
33 must receive the number of votes cast as required by general law for that office in that  
34 district only. Only electors who are residents of that education district may vote for a  
35 member of the board for that district. At the time of qualifying for election as a member  
36 of the board from an education district, each candidate for such office shall specify the  
37 education district for which that person is a candidate and must reside in that education

1 district. A person elected or appointed as a member of the board from an education district  
2 must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall  
3 become vacant.

4 SECTION 3.

5 (a) The members of the reconstituted board of education of Treutlen County shall be  
6 elected as provided in this subsection. The first members from Education Districts 4 and  
7 5 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday  
8 in November, 2002. Those members of the board elected thereto from Education Districts  
9 4 and 5 in 2002 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that  
10 election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2006, and  
11 upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The first members from  
12 Education Districts 1, 2, and 3 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next  
13 following the first Monday in November, 2004. Those members of the board elected  
14 thereto from Education Districts 1, 2, and 3 in 2004 shall take office the first day of January  
15 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire  
16 December 31, 2008, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.  
17 Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire  
18 shall be elected at the time of the state-wide general election immediately preceding the  
19 expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following  
20 that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board  
21 shall serve for the terms of office specified therefor in this subsection and until their  
22 respective successors are elected and qualified.

23 (b) Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective  
24 date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Education Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5,  
25 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of  
26 this Act, such members of the board serving from those former education districts shall be  
27 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described  
28 under this Act.

29 (c) All members of the board who are elected thereto shall be nominated and elected in  
30 accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

31 (d)(1) Any vacancy in office upon the board which occurs for any reason other than  
32 expiration of term shall be filled as follows:

33 (A) If the vacancy occurs during the final 27 months of a term of office, within 30 days  
34 after such occurrence, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a person to fill  
35 such vacancy; or

(B) If the vacancy occurs at any time prior to the time specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, within 30 days after such occurrence, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until a successor is elected at a special election and qualified, which special election shall be held on the same date as the state-wide general election which is first held following the date of the vacancy.

(2) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in office pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall meet the same eligibility requirements specified for persons who are elected to such office. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection or elected to fill a vacancy under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve out the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified."

## **SECTION 2.**

It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of education of Treutlen County to submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

## **SECTION 3.**

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

Plan Name: treutp2 Plan Type: Local User: Tara Administrator: Treutlen Co.

Redistricting Plan Components Report

District 001

Treutlen County

Tract: 9602

BG: 1

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BG: 2

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BG: 3

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BG: 4

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District 002

Treutlen County

Tract: 9602

BG: 1

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1 District 003  
 2 Treutlen County  
 3 Tract: 9601  
 4 BG: 1  
 5 BG: 2  
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 12 BG: 1  
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6    Treutlen County  
7        Tract: 9602  
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