

Senate Bill 567

By: Senator Gillis of the 20th

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Soperton, approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4212), as amended, so as to change the description of the council districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act providing a new charter for the City of Soperton, approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4212), as amended, is amended by striking Section 5.12 and inserting in its place a new Section 5.12 to read as follows:

"SECTION 5.12.

Districts.

(a) For purposes of electing members of the city council, other than the mayor, the City of Soperton is divided into five council districts. One member of the city council shall be elected from each such district. The five council districts shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: sopercc2r Plan Type: Local User: Staff Administrator: Soperton.

(b) 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 City of Soperton which is not included in any such district

1 described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
2 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000  
3 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Soperton which is described in that  
4 attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
5 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead  
6 be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population  
7 according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.

8 (c) The Council Posts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist on December 31, 2002, shall be  
9 redesignated as Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively, and as newly described  
10 under this Act, and on and after January 1, 2003, such members of the council serving from  
11 those former posts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective  
12 council districts as newly described under this Act."

## 13 **SECTION 2.**

14 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the governing authority of the City of Soperton to  
15 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
16 as amended.

## 17 **SECTION 3.**

18 This Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

## 19 **SECTION 4.**

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

1 Plan Name: sopercc2r Plan Type: Local User: Staff Administrator: Soperton

2 Redistricting Plan Components Report

3 District 001

4 Treutlen County

5 Tract: 9602

6 BG: 4

7 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017 4018 4030 4031 4032 4033 4034

8 4036 4037 4038 4039 4055 4056

9 BG: 5

10 5011 5012 5013 5014 5015 5016 5017 5033 5035

11 District 002

12 Treutlen County

13 Tract: 9602

14 BG: 2

15 2039 2040

16 BG: 3

17 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3054 3055 3056 3057

18 BG: 4

19 4035

20 District 003

21 Treutlen County

22 Tract: 9602

23 BG: 1

24 1051 1052 1053 1054 1059

25 BG: 4

26 4000 4049 4050 4052 4057 4058

27 BG: 5

28 5006 5007 5008 5009 5010 5034 5036 5073 5074 5075

29 District 004

1 Treutlen County  
2 Tract: 9602  
3 BG: 1  
4 1035 1036 1055 1056 1057 1058  
5 BG: 2  
6 2046 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2053 2054 2057 2058 2059 2060  
7 2061 2062 2063  
8 BG: 3  
9 3000  
10 BG: 4  
11 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011 4019  
12 4020 4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4040 4041  
13 4042 4043 4044 4045 4046 4047 4048 4051 4053 4054

14 District 005  
15 Treutlen County  
16 Tract: 9602  
17 BG: 1  
18 1032 1033 1034 1037 1038 1039 1046 1047 1048 1049 1050 1060  
19 1061  
20 BG: 2  
21 2047 2055 2056  
22 BG: 5  
23 5000 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5041 5042 5043 5044 5045 5046  
24 5076 5077 5078 5079 5080 5082