

House Bill 1025 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Bryant of the 160th, Carter of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 161st, Day of the 163rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for an advisory referendum election to be held in the City of Garden City for the
2 purpose of determining whether the members of the city council should be elected by district;
3 to provide for a declaration of public purpose; to provide for the submission of this Act to
4 the United States Department of Justice for preclearance; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
9 superintendent of the City of Garden City shall call and conduct an election as provided in
10 this section for the purpose of submitting an advisory question to the voters of the City of
11 Garden City. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday next
12 following the first Monday in November, 2008, and shall issue the call and conduct that
13 election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and
14 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding
15 the date thereof in the official organ of the City of Garden City. The ballot shall have written
16 or printed thereon the words:

17 "() YES Are you in favor of the election of members of the city council of the City
18 () NO of Garden City by district instead of the present at large method of
19 election?"

20 All persons desiring to vote for election of the members of the city council by district shall
21 vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for retaining the present at large method of
22 election of the members of the city council shall vote "No." The expense of such election
23 shall be borne by the City of Garden City. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to
24 certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

