

House Bill 1492 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Smith of the 168<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for an advisory referendum election to be held in Bacon County for the purpose  
2 of ascertaining whether the voters of such county desire the Bacon County Board of  
3 Elections and Registration to divide the county into multiple election precincts so as to  
4 permit voters to vote closer to their residence; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 It is the purpose of this Act to provide for an advisory referendum within Bacon County to  
9 determine if the voters of such county desire the Bacon County Board of Elections and  
10 Registration to divide the county into multiple election precincts, including precincts outside  
11 the city, so as to permit voters to vote closer to their residence.

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 (a) Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
14 superintendent of Bacon County shall call and conduct an advisory election as provided in  
15 this section for the purpose of submitting a question to the electors of said county to advise  
16 the Bacon County Board of Elections and Registration whether the voters of Bacon County  
17 desire the board of elections and registration to divide the county into multiple election  
18 precincts so as to permit voters to vote closer to their residence. The superintendent shall  
19 conduct that election on the date of the 2010 general election held in November and shall  
20 issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall  
21 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks  
22 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bacon County. The ballot  
23 shall have printed thereon the following:

24 "( ) YES Shall the Bacon County Board of Elections and Registration provide an  
 25 election precinct in the City of Alma and at other central locations in the  
 26 ( ) NO county so as to permit all voters the opportunity to vote in close proximity  
 to their place of residence?"

27 (b) It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Bacon County to hold and conduct  
 28 the advisory election provided for in this section and to tabulate the results of such election.  
 29 It shall be the further duty of said superintendent to certify the results of said election to the  
 30 Secretary of State and to each member of the General Assembly whose senatorial or  
 31 representative district lies wholly or partially within Bacon County. The expense of such  
 32 election shall be borne by Bacon County.

33 (c) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of the advisory referendum election  
 34 provided for in this section is in all respects for the benefit of the people of Bacon County  
 35 and is for a public purpose and is an essential governmental function for which public funds  
 36 may be expended.

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
 39 without such approval.

40 **SECTION 4.**

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