

House Bill 86

By: Representatives Millar of the 79th, Smith of the 70th, Lindsey of the 54th, Teilhet of the 40th, and Buckner of the 130th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 primaries and elections generally, so as to provide that returns of absentee ballots shall be
3 made by precinct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
8 elections generally, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-386, relating
9 to safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots, as follows:

10 ~~"(d) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, if at any primary, general,~~
11 ~~or special election in any county any question is to be voted on involving any political~~
12 ~~subdivision which includes less than the entire county, all absentee ballots shall be~~
13 ~~separated by precinct for counting purposes~~ All absentee ballots shall be counted and
14 tabulated in such a manner that returns may be made by precinct; and separate returns shall
15 be made and certified for each precinct in which absentee ballots were cast showing the
16 results of the absentee ballots cast in each such precinct."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.