

House Bill 86 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 style="text-align:center">**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 reported by precinct; and separate returns  
15 shall be ~~certified~~ made for each precinct in which absentee ballots were cast showing the  
16 results by each precinct in which the electors reside."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.