

House Bill 586

By: Representatives Stephenson of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Dickerson of the 95th, and Kendrick of the 94th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a Magistrate's Court of Rockdale County, approved March 13,
2 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3907), as amended, so as to provide for the election of the chief
3 magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Rockdale County; to provide for the filling of
4 vacancies; to provide for the nonpartisan election of the chief magistrate; to provide for
5 submission of the Act for preclearance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a Magistrate's Court of Rockdale County, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L.
10 1978, p. 3907), as amended, is amended by revising Section 5 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 5.

12 (a) The chief magistrate of Rockdale County shall be elected in accordance with the
13 provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A. Vacancies in such office shall be
14 filled in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A.

15 (b) All elections shall be nonpartisan as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the
16 O.C.G.A. and shall be conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the
17 'Georgia Election Code.'

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The governing authority of Rockdale County shall, through its legal counsel, cause this Act
20 to be submitted for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
21 1965, as amended, within 60 days after the date that this Act is approved by the Governor
22 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.