House Bill 1172

By: Representatives Epps of the 128th and James of the 135th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act incorporating the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4813), so as to provide for election districts to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

An Act incorporating the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p.
1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4813),
is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2 as follows:

13 "(b)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the City Council of the City of
14 Manchester, the City of Manchester is divided into two districts. Such districts shall be
15 and correspond to those two numbered districts described in and attached to and made a
16 part of this Act and further identified as 'Plan: citymanchestercouncil-2012 Plan Type:
17 Local Administrator: City of Manchester User: SE'.

(2) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' (voting tabulation district) shall mean
and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau
of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(3) The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a
VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the
report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the
State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Manchester which is not included in any such
district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to

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such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.
(4) Any part of the City of Manchester which is described in that attachment as being in
a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is
not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within
that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the
United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States decennial census
of 2010 for the State of Georgia."

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SECTION 2.

The City Council of the City of Manchester which existed on December 31, 2012, is continued in existence but on and after January 1, 2013, shall be constituted as provided in this Act. The City Council of the City of Manchester so continued and constituted, sometimes referred to in this Act as the "board," shall continue to have the powers, duties, rights, obligations, and liabilities of that board as existed immediately prior to January 1, 2013.

44 SECTION 3.
45 The City Council of the City of Manchester shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
46 be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
47 amended, no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
48 or otherwise becomes law without such approval

SECTION 4.

50 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2012 of 51 members of the City Council of the City of Manchester shall become effective upon its 52 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act 53 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2013.

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SECTION 5.

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

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