House Bill 1286

By: Representative Morris of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County, approved March 12, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 807), as amended, so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to define certain terms; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

9 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 2 and adding
10 new subsections to read as follows:

11 "(a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County who are serving 12 as such immediately prior to the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill 13 a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular 14 expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their 15 respective successors. On and after the effective date of this Act, the Board of 16 Commissioners of Treutlen County shall consist of five members all of whom shall be 17 elected from commissioner districts described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, the Treutlen County
is divided into five commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from
each such district. The five commissioner districts shall be and correspond to those five
numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
identified as 'Plan: treutlenccsb-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Treutlen User: SE'.
(c) For the purposes of such plan:

(1) The term 'VTD' 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. The separate numeric designations in a district

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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; and

30 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
31 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
32 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
33 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

34 (c.1) Any part of Treutlen County which is not included in any district described in
35 subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
36 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010
37 for the State of Georgia.

(c.2) Any part of Treutlen County which is described in subsection (b) of this section as
being included 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."

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SECTION 2.

44 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3 as follows:

45 "(a) The members of the reconstituted Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County shall 46 be elected as provided in this subsection. The first members from Commissioner Districts 47 1, 3, and 4 shall be elected at the general election on the Tuesday next following the first 48 Monday in November, 2012. Those members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 4 in 2012 shall take office the first day of January 49 50 immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire 51 December 31, 2016, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The first members from Commissioner Districts 2 and 5 shall be elected at the general 52 53 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014. Those 54 members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 2 and 5 in 2014 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for 55 initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2018, and upon the election and 56 qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members 57 of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the time of the 58 state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take 59 office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms 60 of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office 61

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- specified therefor in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected andqualified.
- 64 (b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as they exist immediately prior to the effective
- date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and
- 5, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date
- of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts
- 68 shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly

69 described under this Act."

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SECTION 3.

The Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

This section and Section 3 of this Act and those provisions of this Act necessary for the election of members of the Board of Commissioners of Treutlen County in 2012 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

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SECTION 5.

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

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