

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to prohibit any local Act granting an original municipal charter from creating new unincorporated islands; to change certain provisions relating to the annexation of unincorporated islands; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-31-13.

To be eligible for original incorporation as a municipal corporation, the area embraced within the proposed municipal boundary shall not result in the creation of an unincorporated area that:

(1) Has aggregate external boundaries abutting the proposed municipal boundary;

(2) Has aggregate external boundaries abutting any combination of the proposed municipality and one or more other municipalities; or

(3) To which the county would have no reasonable means of physical access for the provision of services otherwise provided by the county governing authority solely to the unincorporated area of the county."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 36-36-92, relating to annexation of unincorporated islands, as follows:

"(a) The governing body of each municipal corporation of the state may annex to the existing corporate limits thereof all ~~or any portion of,~~ but not a portion, of any unincorporated islands island which ~~are~~ is contiguous to the existing limits at the time of

25 such annexation upon compliance with the procedures set forth in this article and in
26 accordance with the procedures provided in Article 1 of this chapter."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.