

House Bill 741

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Rockdale County, approved  
2 March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to increase the board of  
3 commissioners to five members; to revise the office of chairperson; to provide for  
4 commissioner residency districts; to define certain terms and provide for certain inclusions;  
5 to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for a county manager; to revise provisions  
6 related to the powers and duties of the board of commissioners, chairperson, and county  
7 manager; to provide for a code of ethics; to provide for the creation of a board of ethics and  
8 appointment of members; to provide for the appointment and duties of an ethics officer; to  
9 provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for a referendum, effective  
10 dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial  
11 remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977  
15 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (a) and adding new  
16 subsections to Section 2 to read as follows:

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17 "(a) As of January 1, 2025, the commission established herein shall consist of five  
18 members to be known as commissioners. One commissioner shall reside in each of the  
19 districts provided for in subsection (a.2) of this section, but the commissioners shall be  
20 elected by the voters of the entire county voting at the elections provided for hereinafter.  
21 Commissioners shall be residents of the district from which they are elected for at least one  
22 year prior to their qualification for election.

23 (a.1) Each year the board of commissioners shall select from among its members a  
24 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the board of commissioners. The chairperson shall  
25 preside over meetings of the board, provided that the vice-chairperson shall preside in the  
26 chairperson's absence.

27 (a.2) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Rockdale  
28 County shall be divided into five commissioner districts. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3,  
29 4, and 5 shall be and correspond to those five numbered districts described in Appendix A  
30 attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: HD92 Plan Name:  
31 RockdaleCC-2023 Plan Type: Local'.

32 (a.3)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

33 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
34 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
35 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
36 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual  
37 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
38 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

39 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
40 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
41 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
42 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

43 (2) Any part of Rockdale County which is not included in any district described in  
44 subsection (a.2) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such  
45 part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
46 of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

47 (3) Any part of Rockdale County which is described in subsection (a.2) of this section  
48 as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
49 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
50 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
51 population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of  
52 Georgia.

53 (a.4)(1) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County who are  
54 serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy  
55 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of  
56 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective  
57 successors.

58 (2)(A) Commissioner Post 2, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this  
59 Act, shall be designated as Commissioner District 2, but as newly described under this  
60 Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving  
61 from that former commissioner post shall be deemed to be serving from and  
62 representing his or her district as newly described under this Act; the successor to such  
63 member shall be elected at the November general election in 2026, and shall be elected  
64 and serve a term as provided for in this Act.

65 (B) The initial commissioners from Commissioner Districts 1, 3, and 5 as newly  
66 described under this Act shall be elected at the November general election in 2024 and  
67 shall serve an initial term of office of four years; thereafter, successors to such member  
68 shall be elected and serve terms as provided for in this Act.

69 (C) The initial commissioner from Commissioner District 4 as newly described under  
70 this Act shall be elected at the November general election in 2024 and shall serve an  
71 initial term of office of two years; thereafter, successors to such member shall be  
72 elected and serve terms as provided for in this Act."

73 **SECTION 2.**

74 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

75 "SECTION 3.

76 Election and term of commissioners.

77 Successors to the commissioners provided for in Section 2 of this Act shall be elected at  
78 the general election immediately preceding the expiration of terms of office and shall take  
79 office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of four  
80 years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Qualification by candidate shall  
81 be partisan. Each candidate shall pay a qualification fee set by law at time of qualifying  
82 which shall be deposited to the county treasury to assist in defraying expenses of said  
83 election. All elections shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the  
84 O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

85 **SECTION 3.**

86 Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 5 through 9 as follows:

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## "SECTION 5.

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## Election returns, vacancies.

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(a) Except as set forth in Section 3 of this Act, all elections for members of the board of  
90 commissioners created by this Act shall be held and conducted in accordance with the  
91 provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or  
92 hereafter amended.

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(b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of a commissioner, whose unexpired term equals  
94 or exceeds 210 days, it shall be the duty of the election superintendent of the county to call  
95 a special election for the filling of such vacancy or vacancies, provided that such election  
96 shall be governed by the provisions of the Georgia Election Code relative to special  
97 elections for the filling of vacancies. Such special election shall be called within 30 days  
98 of the date of the creation of the vacancy; provided, however, that it shall be the duty of the  
99 remaining commissioners to appoint, within ten days following the vacancy or vacancies,  
100 an interim commissioner to serve pending the election of a new commissioner. Said interim  
101 appointee shall be subject to the same qualifications, oath, and bond as a duly elected or  
102 permanently appointed commissioner.

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(c) In the event of a vacancy in the office of a commissioner whose unexpired term does  
104 not equal or exceed 210 days, it shall be the duty of the remaining commissioners to fill  
105 vacancies by permanent appointment. The appointment shall be made within 20 days from  
106 the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies.

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(d) If all seats on the commission shall become vacant concurrently and if any unexpired  
108 term is for less than 210 days, the Judge of the Probate Court of Rockdale County shall  
109 proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies by appointment. All remaining vacancies for  
110 which the unexpired term equals or exceeds 210 days shall then be filled by following the  
111 procedure set out in subsection (b) of this section.

112 (e) All persons elected or appointed to fill vacancies pursuant to the provisions of this  
113 section, except interim appointees, shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of  
114 any such office, and shall be residents of the district in which the vacated commissioner  
115 resided.

116 SECTION 6.

117 Oath and bond.

118 Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the commissioners shall subscribe an  
119 oath before the judge of the probate court of said county for the true and faithful  
120 performance of their duties and that they are not the holders of any public funds  
121 unaccounted for. In addition, each commissioner shall further give a satisfactory surety  
122 bond to be judged by said judge of the probate court of the county and payable to the judge  
123 of the probate court or his or her successor in office and filed in the office of the judge of  
124 the probate court, in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 conditioned upon the faithful performance of  
125 the duties of the office. The costs of said bonds shall be paid out of the county treasury.

126 SECTION 7.

127 Compensation.

128 (a) Commissioners shall receive an annual salary for services equal to 16.5 percent of the  
129 base salary of a superior court judge as set forth in Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A.,  
130 as set on June 30, 2023. The base salary of a superior court judge shall mean that salary  
131 paid from state funds and shall not include any county supplement or expense  
132 reimbursements nor any subsequent increases provided by operation of general law on or  
133 after July 1, 2023. The salary of the commissioners shall be paid in equal monthly  
134 installments paid out of the county treasury upon warrants drawn upon the county treasury.

135 Except as otherwise provided by subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the salary so fixed  
136 shall constitute the entire compensation from all public sources to which the commissioners  
137 shall be entitled. The commissioners shall not be entitled to any further compensation for  
138 serving on any other boards or authorities by virtue of their office.

139 (b) The board of commissioners may provide by ordinance or resolution for the  
140 reimbursement from county funds of actual and necessary expenses incurred by  
141 commissioners in carrying out their official duties. No commissioner shall receive any  
142 expense allowance, mileage allowance, or travel allowance unless such member has  
143 personally performed such service and has personally incurred the expense for mileage or  
144 travel. Each commissioner submitting a voucher shall certify that he or she has personally  
145 performed the service and personally incurred the expense for mileage or travel covered  
146 by the voucher and that the information contained on the voucher is true and correct. The  
147 voucher shall contain such a certificate for the commissioner to sign. It shall be unlawful  
148 for any commissioner to knowingly falsify any such certificate, and any commissioner  
149 convicted of such action shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by  
150 imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, or both.

151 (c) Commissioners shall be authorized to participate in the group retirement program and  
152 the group hospitalization benefit program on the same basis as other officers and  
153 employees of Rockdale County if they meet the normal eligibility requirements of the  
154 programs. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the rights of any person who served as  
155 chairperson of the board of commissioners prior to the effective date of this section to  
156 participate in such group retirement or hospitalization programs pursuant to the law in  
157 effect at the time of his or her service as chairperson.

158 SECTION 8.  
159 Meetings.

160 The board shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at  
161 the county seat at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday,  
162 which meetings shall be open to the public; the board may hold such additional meetings  
163 as shall be necessary when called by the chairperson or any two commissioners, provided  
164 that all commissioners are notified at least one day in advance of such special meeting. No  
165 official action shall be taken by the commission except in a meeting which is open to the  
166 public. Any three commissioners or the chairperson and any two commissioners shall  
167 constitute a quorum, but no official action shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote  
168 of at least three commissioners or two commissioners and the chairperson. The  
169 chairperson shall be entitled to the same voting rights as other commissioners on all  
170 questions considered by the commission.

171 SECTION 9.  
172 County manager.

173 (a) There shall be an office of county manager to be appointed by the board of  
174 commissioners. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the qualifications,  
175 compensation, and other matters pertaining to the office of county manager shall be  
176 provided for by ordinance or resolution of the commission.

177 (b)(1) The board of commissioners shall select a person to appoint as the county manager  
178 based solely upon the appointee's executive and administrative qualifications, with  
179 specific reference to actual experience in or knowledge of accepted practices with respect  
180 to the duties of the office.

181 (2) The commissioner, at its discretion, may require the person appointed as county  
182 manager to:

183 (A) Hold a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration,  
184 accounting, finance, or a related field and possess at least five years of experience as  
185 a county or city manager or as an assistant county or city manager; or

186 (B) Hold a master's degree in public administration, business administration,  
187 accounting, finance, or a related field and possess at least three years of experience as  
188 a county or city manager or as an assistant county or city manager.

189 (c) The county manager shall be the administrative head of the county government and  
190 shall be responsible to the commission for the proper and efficient administration of all the  
191 affairs of the county, except as otherwise provided by law. It shall be the duty of the  
192 county manager to:

193 (1) See that all laws and ordinances of the county are enforced;

194 (2) Exercise control over all departments and divisions of the county which the  
195 chairperson or commissioners have exercised control over, except as otherwise provided  
196 for in this Act;

197 (3) Keep the commission fully advised as to the needs of the county;

198 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, supervise and direct the official conduct of  
199 all department heads and county employees, except for the county attorney, comptroller,  
200 and executive assistant to the commission;

201 (5) Prepare the agenda for meetings of the commission, with the input of the chairperson  
202 and commissioners;

203 (6) Attend all meetings of the commission with the right to take part in discussion,  
204 provided that the county manager shall have no vote on any matter before the  
205 commission;

206 (7) Supervise the performance of all contracts entered into by or on behalf of the county;

207 (8) Confer with and advise all other elected or appointed officers or officials of the  
208 county who are not under the control of the commission but who receive financial support  
209 therefrom;

210 (9) Devote his or her entire time to the duties and affairs of the office of county manager  
211 and hold no other office or employment for remuneration while serving as county  
212 manager;

213 (10) Make purchases for the county without seeking approval from the commission and  
214 without obtaining bids in amounts not to exceed \$50,000.00, except:

215 (A) As provided by general law relating to the letting of public works contracts;

216 (B) That no employment, consulting, or severance contract or agreement shall be  
217 entered into and no payments shall be made without the approval of the commission;  
218 and

219 (C) Any purchase made for the county in excess of \$10,000.00 shall be reported to the  
220 commissioner by the comptroller; and

221 (11) Perform such other duties as may be required by the commission."

222 **SECTION 4.**

223 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 10 as follows:

224 "(b) The policies, rules, and regulations so adopted by the board of commissioners shall  
225 be carried out, executed, and enforced by the county manager as chief administrative  
226 officer of the county, and said board may exercise administrative powers, but only where  
227 such are necessarily and properly incident to its functions as a policymaking or rulemaking  
228 body or which are necessary to compel enforcement of its adopted resolutions or  
229 ordinances. Any action taken by the county manager which is in conflict with such adopted  
230 resolutions or ordinances or which deals with matters exclusively reserved to the  
231 jurisdiction of said board shall be null, void, and of no effect."

232 **SECTION 5.**

233 Said Act is further amended by revising Sections 13 and 14 as follows:

## 234 "SECTION 13.

235 Appointment, removal and compensation of county officials, employees, attorneys, the  
236 executive assistant, and employees of elected officials.237 (a) Unless otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section or other provisions of this  
238 Act, all county employees shall be employed and dismissed and have their compensation  
239 set by the county manager or a designee thereof subject to county budgetary provisions and  
240 any applicable civil service, merit system or personnel laws or ordinances.241 (b) All nonelected county officials, department heads, chiefs, directors, superintendents,  
242 or executives shall be appointed and removed by the county manager with the consent of  
243 the board of commissioners. When a vacancy exists in any such office, the county manager  
244 shall, within 90 days, propose an appointment to which the board consents; otherwise, said  
245 board may fill the vacancy by majority vote.246 (c) The board of commissioners shall have the exclusive authority to appoint, remove, and  
247 fix the compensation of the executive assistant, the finance director, and the county  
248 attorney employed at county expense.249 (d) Elected county officials shall have the exclusive authority to appoint, remove, and fix  
250 the compensation of the personnel within their respective offices subject to county  
251 budgetary provisions and any applicable civil service or merit system, state laws, or county  
252 personnel ordinances; provided that, in the case of county personnel ordinances, the  
253 particular elected county official or a predecessor in that office must authorize in writing  
254 the inclusion of the employees of that office under the county personnel ordinance before  
255 said ordinance shall include such employees.

## 256 SECTION 14.

257 Statutory positions; appointment; removal; compensation.

258 The appointment and removal of, and the compensation to be paid to, persons filling  
259 offices and positions created by state statute, where not otherwise prescribed by such  
260 statute, shall be made and fixed by the county manager, subject to the approval of the  
261 compensation therefor by the commission, within budgetary provisions."

## 262 SECTION 6.

263 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 24 as follows:

264 "SECTION 24.

265 Code of ethics.

266 (a) Purpose.

267 (1) It is essential to the proper administration and operation of the Rockdale County  
268 government that its officials and employees be, and give the appearance of being,  
269 independent and impartial, that public office not be used for private gain, and that there  
270 be public confidence in the integrity of Rockdale County officials and employees.  
271 Because the attainment of one or more of these ends is impaired whenever there exists  
272 in fact, or appears to exist, a conflict between the private interests and public  
273 responsibilities of officials and employees, the public interest requires that the General  
274 Assembly protect against such conflicts of interest by establishing by law appropriate  
275 ethical standards with respect to the conduct of the officials and employees of Rockdale  
276 County in situations where a conflict may exist; and

277 (2) The General Assembly recognizes that an appropriate and effective code of ethics for  
278 appointed officials and employees of Rockdale County is also essential for the proper  
279 administration and operation of the Rockdale County government.

280 (b) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:

281 (1) 'Agency' means any board, bureau, body, commission, committee, department, or  
282 office of Rockdale County to which the board of commissioners has appointment powers.

283 (2) 'Business' means any corporation, partnership, organization, sole proprietorship, other  
284 entity operated for economic gain, whether professional, industrial, or commercial, and  
285 entity which for purposes of federal income taxation is treated as a nonprofit  
286 organization.

287 (3) 'Confidential information' means information which has been obtained in the course  
288 of holding public office, employment, acting as an independent contractor, or otherwise  
289 acting as an official or employee and which information is not available to members of  
290 the public under state law or other law or regulation and which the official, independent  
291 contractor, or employee is not authorized to disclose.

292 (4) 'Contract' means any claim or demand against or any lease, account, or agreement  
293 with any person, whether express or implied, executed or executory, verbal or in writing.

294 (5) 'Emergency situation' means any circumstance or condition giving rise to an  
295 immediate necessity for the execution of a contract by and between Rockdale County and  
296 an official or employee or between Rockdale County and a business in which an official  
297 or employee has an interest and where, to the satisfaction of the board of commissioners,  
298 it is shown that there is no one other than such persons with whom the contract could  
299 have been made and that the necessity was not brought about by such persons' own fault  
300 or neglect.

301 (6) 'Immediate family' means an official or employee and his or her spouse, parents,  
302 brothers, sisters, and natural or adopted children.

- 303 (7) 'Interest' means any direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit held by or  
304 accruing to the official or employee as a result of a contract or transaction which is or  
305 may be the subject of an official act or action by or with Rockdale County. Unless  
306 otherwise provided in this section, the term 'interest' does not include any remote interest.  
307 An official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in transactions involving:
- 308 (A) Any person in the official's or employee's immediate family;
  - 309 (B) Any person, business, or entity that the official or employee knows or should know  
310 is seeking official action with Rockdale County, is seeking to do or does business with  
311 Rockdale County, has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or  
312 nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties, or with whom a  
313 contractual relationship exists whereby the official or employee may receive any  
314 payment or other benefit;
  - 315 (C) Any business in which the official or employee is a director, officer, employee,  
316 shareholder, or consultant; or
  - 317 (D) Any person of whom the official or employee is a creditor, whether secured or  
318 unsecured.
- 319 (8) 'Official act or action' means any legislative, administrative, appointive, or  
320 discretionary act of the board of commissioners, the chairperson of the board of  
321 commissioners, or a commissioner.
- 322 (9) 'Official or employee' means any person elected or appointed to or employed or  
323 retained by Rockdale County or any agency, whether paid or unpaid and whether part  
324 time or full time. Such term includes retired employees or former county employees  
325 during the period of time in which they are later employed or retained by the county or  
326 any agency. Such term does not include superior and state court judges and their  
327 immediate staffs, the district attorney, the solicitor of the state court, the clerks of the  
328 superior and state courts, magistrates, the judge of the probate court, the sheriff, the tax  
329 commissioner, the coroner, and their respective staffs.

330 (10) 'Paid' means the receipt of, or right to receive, a salary, commission, percentage,  
331 brokerage, or contingent fee.

332 (11) 'Participate' means to take part in official acts, actions, or proceedings personally  
333 as an official or employee through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation,  
334 investigation, the rendering of advice, or the failure to act or perform a duty.

335 (12) 'Person' means any individual, business, labor organization, representative,  
336 fiduciary, trust, or association, whether paid or unpaid, and includes any official or  
337 employee of Rockdale County.

338 (13) 'Property' means any property, whether real or personal or tangible or intangible,  
339 and includes currency and commercial paper.

340 (14) 'Remote interest' means the interest of:

341 (A) A nonsalaried director, officer, or employee of a nonprofit organization;

342 (B) A holder of less than 5 percent of the legal or beneficial ownership of the total  
343 shares of a business;

344 (C) Any person in a representative capacity, such as a receiver, trustee, or  
345 administrator; or

346 (D) Any person who, by determination of the board of ethics, is deemed to have such  
347 an interest.

348 (15) 'Transaction' means the conduct of any activity that results in or may result in an  
349 official act or action of an official or employee of Rockdale County.

350 (c) Proscribed conduct. No official or employee of Rockdale County shall:

351 (1) By his or her conduct, give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can  
352 improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of  
353 his or her official acts or actions or that he or she is affected unduly by the rank or  
354 position of or kinship or association with any person;

355 (2)(A) Directly or indirectly request, exact, receive, or agree to receive a gift, loan,  
356 favor, promise, or thing of value for himself or herself or another person if:

- 357 (i) It tends to influence him or her in the discharge of his or her official duties; or  
358 (ii) He or she recently has been, or is now, or in the near future may be, involved in  
359 any official act or action directly affecting the donor or lender.
- 360 (B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply in the case of:
- 361 (i) An occasional nonpecuniary gift of a value less than \$100.00;  
362 (ii) An award publicly presented in recognition of public service; or  
363 (iii) A commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business by an  
364 institution authorized by the laws of Georgia to engage in the making of such a loan;
- 365 (3) Disclose or otherwise use confidential information acquired by virtue of his or her  
366 position for his or her or another person's private gain;
- 367 (4) Appear on his or her own personal behalf, or represent, advise, or appear on the  
368 personal behalf, whether paid or unpaid, of any person before any court or before any  
369 legislative, administrative, or quasi-judicial board, agency, commission, or committee of  
370 this state or of any county or municipality concerning any contract or transaction which  
371 is or may be the subject of an official act or action of Rockdale County or otherwise use  
372 or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or  
373 exemptions for himself or herself or other persons;
- 374 (5) Engage in, accept employment with, or render services for any agency, private  
375 business, or professional activity when such employment or rendering of services is  
376 adverse to and incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties;
- 377 (6) Acquire an interest in any contract or transaction at a time when he or she believes  
378 or has reason to believe that such an interest will be affected directly or indirectly by his  
379 or her official act or actions or by the official acts or actions of other officials or  
380 employees of Rockdale County;
- 381 (7) Engage in any activity or transaction that is prohibited by law now existing or  
382 hereafter enacted which is applicable to him or her by virtue of his or her being an official  
383 or employee of Rockdale County; or

384 (8) Issue directives to employees who report to the county manager, threaten to terminate  
385 the employment of a county employee, threaten to terminate a county contract so as to  
386 exert undue influence, or engage in conduct that is unbecoming of a member of the board  
387 of commissioners.

388 (d) Gifts to certain employees. No employee of the purchasing department of Rockdale  
389 County shall accept any gift of value from anyone who has had or may reasonably be  
390 anticipated to have any business with or before such department. Gifts from persons who  
391 do not have or who would not be reasonably anticipated to have any business with or  
392 before such department may be accepted by an employee of such department only when  
393 such gifts are based solely on a family relationship or personal friendship.

394 (e) Disclosure of interests. An official or employee who has an interest that he or she has  
395 reason to believe may be affected by his or her official acts or actions or by the official acts  
396 or actions of another official or employee of Rockdale County shall disclose the precise  
397 nature and value of such interest by sworn written statement to the board of ethics and ask  
398 for the board's opinion as to the propriety of such interest. Every official or employee who  
399 knowingly has any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract to which Rockdale County  
400 is or is about to become a party, or in any other business with Rockdale County, shall make  
401 full disclosure of such interest to the board of commissioners and to the ethics officer and  
402 the board of ethics. The information disclosed by such sworn statements, except for the  
403 valuation attributed to the disclosed interest, shall be made a matter of public record by the  
404 board of ethics. In cases where a conflict of interest exists, such official or employee shall  
405 recuse himself or herself from participating or taking any official acts or actions in any  
406 matter for the county affected by such conflict of interest.

407 (f) Participation in contracts.

408 (1) An official or employee shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any  
409 official act or action of Rockdale County directly affecting a business or activity in which  
410 he or she has any interest, whether or not a remote interest;

411 (2) Rockdale County shall not enter into any contract involving services or property with  
412 an official or employee of the county or with a business in which an official or employee  
413 of the county has an interest. This subsection shall not apply in the case of:

414 (A) The designation of a bank or trust company as a depository for county funds;

415 (B) The borrowing of funds from any bank or lending institution which offers the  
416 lowest available rate of interest for such loans;

417 (C) Contracts for services entered into with a business which is the only available  
418 source for such goods or services; or

419 (D) Contracts entered into under circumstances which constitute an emergency  
420 situation, provided that a record explaining the emergency is prepared by the board of  
421 commissioners and submitted to the board of ethics at its next regular meeting and  
422 thereafter kept on file;

423 (3) Rockdale County shall not enter into any contract with, or take any official act or  
424 action favorably affecting, any person, or business represented by such person, who has  
425 been within the preceding two-year period an official or employee of Rockdale County.

426 (g) Reporting violations.

427 (1) Any person who witnesses or becomes aware of a violation of this section may  
428 complain of the violation as follows:

429 (A) A complaint may be communicated anonymously to the ethics administrator. Such  
430 complaint shall be made in good faith and with veracity and sufficient specificity so as  
431 to provide the ethics officer with salient and investigable facts. The ethics administrator  
432 may require the anonymous complaint to be made in a manner and form that is intended  
433 only to obtain relevant facts related to the alleged violation of this section and that is  
434 not designed to reveal the identity of the complainant; and

435 (B) A sworn written complaint may be filed with the ethics administrator as described  
436 in this subparagraph. All written complaints to be considered by the board of ethics and  
437 the ethics officer shall contain the following, if applicable:

- 438 (i) The name and address of the person or persons filing the complaint;
- 439 (ii) The sworn verification and signature of the complainant;
- 440 (iii) The name and address of the party or parties against whom the complaint is filed
- 441 and, if such party is a candidate, the office being sought;
- 442 (iv) A clear and concise statement of facts upon which the complaint is based along
- 443 with an allegation that such facts constitute one or more violations of law under the
- 444 jurisdiction of the board of ethics;
- 445 (v) A general reference to the allegedly violated statutory provisions of the code of
- 446 ethics within the jurisdiction of the board of ethics; and
- 447 (vi) Any further information which might support the allegations in the complaint,
- 448 including, but not limited to, the following:
- 449 (I) The names and addresses of all other persons who have first-hand knowledge
- 450 of the facts alleged in the complaint; and
- 451 (II) Any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint;
- 452 (2) Upon receipt of a complaint by the ethics administrator, the ethics administrator shall
- 453 send a written notice to the subject of the complaint at the same time and in the same
- 454 form that any disclosure of information is required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50
- 455 of the O.C.G.A. Both this notice and any subsequent documents shall be subject to the
- 456 provisions of such article; and
- 457 (3) Upon receipt of a written, nonanonymous complaint which does not conform to the
- 458 applicable requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
- 459 ethics administrator shall by letter acknowledge receipt of the complaint and advise the
- 460 complainant of the defect in the complaint and that the complaint will not be considered
- 461 by the board of ethics unless such defect is corrected.
- 462 (h) Enactment.
- 463 (1) This section shall be construed liberally to effectuate its purpose and policies and to
- 464 supplement such existing laws as may relate to the conduct of officials or employees;

465 (2) The propriety of any official act or action taken by or transaction involving any  
466 officials or employees immediately prior to the time this section shall take effect shall not  
467 be affected by the enactment of this section; and

468 (3) The provisions of this section are severable, and, if any of its provisions shall be held  
469 unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court  
470 shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

471 (i) Board of ethics.

472 (1)(A) There is created the Board of Ethics of Rockdale County to be composed of  
473 seven citizens of Rockdale County to be appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
474 subsection.

475 (B) Each member of the board of ethics shall have been a resident of Rockdale County  
476 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of taking office and shall remain  
477 a resident of the county and, where applicable, the commission district he or she  
478 represents, while serving as a member of the board of ethics.

479 (C) No person shall serve as a member of the board of ethics if the person has, or has  
480 had within the immediately preceding two-year period, any interest in any contract,  
481 transaction, or official act or action of Rockdale County.

482 (D) No member of the board of ethics shall be a member of an agency or an official or  
483 employee of Rockdale County or shall have served in such a capacity in the two-year  
484 period immediately preceding such person's appointment to the board of ethics.

485 (E) No person shall serve as a member of the board of ethics if the person has been a  
486 candidate for, or was elected to, public office in the immediately preceding three-year  
487 period. Filing for an elective office shall constitute a resignation from the board of  
488 ethics on the date of filing.

489 (F) Appointees to the board of ethics shall have professional knowledge or expertise  
490 in matters of ethics, finance, governance, or the law.

491 (G) All proposed appointments to the board of ethics shall be subject to an education  
492 and employment background check as well as a criminal history check. Persons  
493 proposed to be appointed to the board of ethics shall execute all releases necessary for  
494 the appointing authority to accomplish such checks. If the nominee is determined to  
495 have committed a felony, the nomination shall be withdrawn.

496 (2)(A) The initial board of ethics shall be appointed as provided in this paragraph to  
497 take office on January 1, 2024, and to serve for the terms prescribed in this paragraph.

498 (B) Not later than December 1, 2023, the members of the initial board of ethics shall  
499 be selected as follows:

500 (i) Five members shall be appointed by the grand jury of Rockdale County, provided  
501 that each such member shall reside in a different commission district than the other  
502 members appointed pursuant to this subparagraph; and

503 (ii) Two members shall be appointed by the tax commissioner of Rockdale County.

504 (C) In addition to the members appointed as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
505 paragraph, there shall be two alternate members who shall serve to ensure a quorum  
506 when members of the board are absent, have a conflict of interest, or find it necessary  
507 to recuse themselves or while a vacancy exists on the board. The alternates shall be  
508 selected by the clerk of the Superior Court of Rockdale County.

509 (D) The members and alternates shall each serve for terms of three years; provided,  
510 however, that the terms of the initial appointees of the grand jury shall be specified at  
511 the time of their appointments. One shall serve until December 31, 2024, and until the  
512 appointment and qualification of his or her successor, whichever occurs later; one shall  
513 serve until December 31, 2025, and until the appointment and qualification of his or her  
514 successor, whichever occurs later; and one shall serve until December 31, 2026, and  
515 until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor, whichever occurs later.  
516 The initial member appointed by the tax commissioner of Rockdale County shall serve  
517 until December 31, 2025, and until the appointment and qualification of his or her

518 successor, whichever occurs later. The initial alternate members appointed by the clerk  
519 of the Superior Court of Rockdale County shall serve the terms specified by the clerk  
520 of the superior court at the time of the initial appointments. One shall serve until  
521 December 31, 2024, and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor,  
522 whichever occurs later, and one shall serve until December 31, 2025, and until the  
523 appointment and qualification of his or her successor, whichever occurs later.

524 (E) Successors to all members and alternates of the board of ethics and future  
525 successors shall be appointed by the respective appointing authorities not less than 30  
526 days prior to the expiration of each such member's term of office, and such successors  
527 shall take office on January 1 following such appointment and shall serve terms of three  
528 years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. No individual  
529 shall be appointed to more than two consecutive terms, provided that the initial terms  
530 under this Act shall not be counted in such determination.

531 (F) The clerk of the Superior Court of Rockdale County shall provide administrative  
532 assistance to the grand jury regarding the appointment of board members pursuant to  
533 this section. Upon a vacancy occurring or the conclusion of the term of a board  
534 member appointed pursuant to division (i) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the  
535 clerk of the Superior Court of Rockdale County shall notify the then-sitting grand jury  
536 of its duty pursuant to this section.

537 (3) If a member of the board of ethics ceases to be a resident of Rockdale County, and,  
538 where applicable, the commission district he or she represents, that member's position on  
539 the board of ethics, by operation of law, shall become vacant upon the establishment of  
540 the fact of such nonresidency, if contested, by a court of competent jurisdiction. A  
541 vacancy in the board of ethics shall exist by reason of death, the disability or incapacity  
542 of a member for more than 90 days, resignation, or loss of residency as described in this  
543 paragraph. A member of the board of ethics may be removed from office during a term  
544 if the member becomes ineligible to hold civil office within the meaning of Code

545 Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. and that ineligibility is established by decision of a court  
546 of competent jurisdiction which declares the office vacant because of such ineligibility  
547 or for good cause by a majority vote of the board of ethics. The ethics officer shall notify  
548 the clerk of the Superior Court of Rockdale County and the tax commissioner of  
549 Rockdale County of a vacancy upon its occurrence, and such vacancy shall be filled for  
550 the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority;

551 (4) The members of the board of ethics shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
552 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while serving on the board. The board of ethics  
553 shall elect from their own membership a chairperson and otherwise provide for their own  
554 internal organization. The board of commissioners shall provide adequate office and  
555 meeting space and pay all administrative costs, including those specifically stipulated in  
556 this section, pertaining to the operation of the board of ethics. The board of ethics shall  
557 be authorized to employ its own staff and clerical personnel and contract for the services  
558 of a competent court reporter, an attorney, and a private investigator as it deems  
559 necessary. The members of the board of ethics shall have the authority to propose the  
560 budget of the board and shall recommend the budget to the board of commissioners, who  
561 shall fund it as a priority. In the event that the proposed budget is in excess  
562 of \$150,000.00, the board of commissioners shall have the authority to authorize the  
563 additional funds requested in accordance with standard budgetary procedures and  
564 requirements. The board of ethics shall be completely independent and shall not be  
565 subject to control or supervision by the chairperson of the board of commissioners, the  
566 board of commissioners, or any other official, employee, or agency of the county  
567 government; and

568 (5) The board of ethics shall have the following duties:

569 (A) To establish procedures, rules, and regulations governing its internal organization  
570 and the conduct of its affairs;

571 (B) To render advisory opinions with respect to the interpretation and application of  
572 this section to all officials or employees who seek advice as to whether a particular  
573 course of conduct would constitute a violation of the standards imposed in this section  
574 or other applicable ethical standards. Such opinions shall be binding on the board of  
575 ethics in any subsequent complaint concerning the official or employee who sought the  
576 opinion and acted in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the  
577 request for the advisory opinion;

578 (C) To prescribe forms for the disclosures required in this section and to make  
579 available to the public the information disclosed as provided in this section;

580 (D) To receive and hear complaints of violations of the standards required by this  
581 section over which it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction;

582 (E) To make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine whether any  
583 official or employee has violated or is about to violate any provisions of this section;  
584 and

585 (F) To hold such hearings and make such inquiries as it deems necessary for it to carry  
586 out properly its functions and powers.

587 (j) Ethics officer.

588 (1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics officer for Rockdale  
589 County. The ethics officer shall receive compensation annually in an amount equal to 82  
590 percent of the base salary paid to judges of the superior court by the State of Georgia;  
591 such compensation shall be paid from county funds and shall not be in addition to the  
592 budget provided for the board of ethics in paragraph (4) of subsection (i) of this section.  
593 The ethics officer must be an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing  
594 with five years' experience in the practice of law. The ethics officer shall be appointed  
595 by a majority of the members of the board of ethics for a period not to exceed six years.  
596 Removal of the ethics officer before the expiration of the designated term shall be for  
597 cause by a majority vote of the members of the board of ethics. The ethics officer need

598 not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her appointment, but he or she shall  
599 reside in Rockdale County within six months of such appointment and continue to reside  
600 therein throughout such appointment;

601 (2) The ethics officer shall not be involved in partisan or nonpartisan political activities  
602 or the political affairs of Rockdale County; and

603 (3) The duties of the ethics officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

604 (A) Educating and training all county officials and employees to have an awareness  
605 and understanding of the mandate for and enforcement of ethical conduct and advising  
606 them of the provisions of the code of ethics of Rockdale County;

607 (B) Meeting with the board of ethics;

608 (C) Advising officials and employees regarding disclosure statements and reviewing  
609 the same to ensure full and complete financial reporting;

610 (D) Urging compliance with the code of ethics by calling to the attention of the board  
611 of ethics any failure to comply or any issues, including the furnishing of false or  
612 misleading information, that the ethics officer believes should be investigated by the  
613 board of ethics so that the board of ethics may take such action as it deems appropriate;

614 (E) Monitoring, evaluating, and acting upon information obtained from an ethics  
615 hotline, which shall be a county telephone number for the receipt of information about  
616 ethical violations. Each complaint, as of the time it is reported, whether by telephone  
617 or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a separate pending investigation of a complaint  
618 against a public officer or employee as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50  
619 of the O.C.G.A.;

620 (F) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected ethical violations to the board of ethics;

621 (G) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected criminal violations to state or federal law  
622 enforcement agencies; and

623 (H) Filing with the board of ethics and the board of commissioners on the first Tuesday  
624 of each February a written report describing the activities of the ethics officer in

625 carrying out the goals of his or her office and reporting on the ethical health of  
626 Rockdale County.

627 (k) Ethics administrator.

628 (1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics administrator for  
629 Rockdale County. The annual compensation provided to the ethics administrator shall  
630 be paid from county funds and shall be considered part of the budget for the board of  
631 ethics provided for in paragraph (4) of subsection (i) of this section. The ethics  
632 administrator shall be selected by the board of ethics and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
633 board;

634 (2) The ethics administrator shall not be involved in partisan or nonpartisan political  
635 activities or the political affairs of Rockdale County; and

636 (3) The duties of the ethics administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the  
637 following:

638 (A) Maintaining the records of the board of ethics as required by Article 4 of  
639 Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

640 (B) Notifying the subject of a report of any alleged violation of the ethics code,  
641 whether the report is anonymous, made by an identified individual, or written. Such  
642 notice shall be given in writing to the subject of the complaint at the same time and in  
643 the same form that any disclosure of information is required by Article 4 of Chapter 18  
644 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

645 (C) Notifying the board of ethics of any report of an alleged violation of the ethics code  
646 received by the ethics administrator; and

647 (D) Such other duties as may be assigned by the board of ethics.

648 (l) Investigations and hearings.

649 (1) The board of ethics shall conduct investigations into alleged violations of the code  
650 of ethics, hold hearings, and issue decisions as prescribed in this subsection;

- 651 (2) The proceedings and records of the board of ethics shall be open unless otherwise  
652 permitted by state law;
- 653 (3) Upon request of the board of ethics, the Rockdale County Solicitor or any attorney  
654 representing the office of the Rockdale County Solicitor, or, in the event of a conflict, any  
655 attorney who shall be selected by a majority vote of the board of ethics, shall advise the  
656 board of ethics;
- 657 (4) A complaint may be filed by the ethics officer, any person, or a group of people by  
658 submitting to the ethics administrator a written, verified, and sworn complaint under the  
659 penalty of perjury or false swearing. The complaint shall specifically identify all  
660 provisions of the Rockdale County code of ethics which the subject of the complaint is  
661 alleged to have violated, set forth facts as would be admissible in evidence in a court  
662 proceeding, and show affirmatively that the complainant or affiant, if in addition to or  
663 different from the complainant, is competent to testify to the matter set forth therein. All  
664 documents referenced in the complaint as well as supporting affidavits shall be attached  
665 to the complaint;
- 666 (5) Upon receipt of the complaint, the ethics administrator shall bring the complaint  
667 before the board of ethics which shall cause the ethics officer to conduct a preliminary  
668 investigation to determine whether it meets the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in  
669 this section. Upon the conclusion of the preliminary investigation, the ethics officer shall  
670 report his or her findings to the board. If, in the opinion of the board, the complaint fails  
671 to meet the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in this section, the board shall direct  
672 the ethics officer to notify the person who filed the complaint and such person shall have  
673 ten days from the date of notice to correct and refile the complaint with the board. A  
674 complaint which fails to satisfy the jurisdictional requirements as established by this  
675 section and by the rules and procedures established by the board of ethics shall be  
676 dismissed by the board of ethics no later than 30 days after the complaint is filed with the  
677 ethics administrator, unless extended by a majority vote of the board of ethics;

- 678 (6) The ethics officer will report his or her findings and recommendation to the board of  
679 ethics and advise whether there is probable cause for belief that the code of ethics has  
680 been violated, warranting a formal hearing. If the board of ethics determines, after the  
681 preliminary investigation of a complaint by the ethics officer, that there does not exist  
682 probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the board of ethics shall so  
683 notify the complainant and the subject of the investigation, and the complaint will be  
684 dismissed. If the board of ethics determines, after a preliminary investigation of the  
685 complaint by the ethics officer, that there does exist probable cause for belief that this  
686 section has been violated, the board of ethics shall give notice to the person involved to  
687 attend a hearing to determine whether there has been a violation of this section;
- 688 (7) For use in proceedings under this section, the board of ethics shall have the power to  
689 issue subpoenas to compel any person to appear, give sworn testimony, or produce  
690 documentary or other evidence. Any person who fails to respond to such subpoenas may  
691 be subjected to the penalties set forth in subsection (m) of this section;
- 692 (8) All hearings of the board of ethics pursuant to this section shall be as follows:
- 693 (A) All testimony shall be under oath, which shall be administered by a member of the  
694 board of ethics. Any person who appears before the board of ethics shall have all of the  
695 due process rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a witness appearing before the  
696 courts of this state. Any person whose name is mentioned during a proceeding of the  
697 board of ethics and who may be adversely affected thereby may appear personally  
698 before the board of ethics on such person's own behalf or may file a written sworn  
699 statement for incorporation into the record to be made part of all proceedings pursuant  
700 to this subsection;
- 701 (B) The decision of the board of ethics shall be governed by a preponderance of the  
702 evidence standard; and
- 703 (C) At the conclusion of proceedings concerning an alleged violation, the board of  
704 ethics shall immediately begin deliberations on the evidence and proceed to determine

705 by a majority vote of members present whether there has been a violation of this  
706 section. The findings of the board of ethics concerning a violation and the record of the  
707 proceedings shall be made public by the ethics officer as soon as practicable after the  
708 determination has been made;

709 (9) Any investigation or hearing pursuant to this subsection shall be commenced within  
710 two years of the date of the alleged violation; provided, however, that any complaint filed  
711 against an elected official within 60 days of an election in which such official is a  
712 candidate for public office shall not be acted upon until such election is concluded and  
713 certified; and

714 (10) The county attorney shall be prohibited from appearing before the board of ethics  
715 on behalf of any person.

716 (m) Violations; appeals.

717 (1) Any intentional violation of this section, furnishing of false or misleading  
718 information to the board of ethics or the ethics officer, failure to follow an opinion  
719 rendered by the board of ethics, or failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the board  
720 of ethics pursuant to this section shall subject the violator to any one or more of the  
721 following:

722 (A) Administrative sanction of not more than \$1,000.00 assessed by the board of  
723 ethics, which said board shall pay over to the county's general fund;

724 (B) For employees subject to this section, the board of ethics may recommend  
725 termination of employment with the county;

726 (C) Public reprimand by the board of ethics; and

727 (D) Prosecution by the Rockdale County Solicitor in the magistrate court of Rockdale  
728 County and, upon conviction, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per violation and up to six  
729 months' imprisonment whether the official or employee is elected or appointed, paid or  
730 unpaid. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with state law. An action  
731 for violation of this section or the furnishing of false or misleading information or the

732 failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the board of ethics must be brought within  
733 two years after the violation is discovered;

734 (2) With regard to violations by persons other than officials or employees, in addition to  
735 the remedies in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the board of ethics may recommend to  
736 the board of commissioners any one or more of the following:

737 (A) Suspension of a contractor; and

738 (B) Disqualification or debarment from contracting or subcontracting with Rockdale  
739 County;

740 (3) The decision of the board of ethics after a hearing shall be final; provided, however,  
741 that such proceeding shall be subject to review by writ of certiorari to the Superior Court  
742 of Rockdale County. The ethics administrator shall be authorized to acknowledge service  
743 of any such writ and shall, within the time provided by law, certify and cause to be filed  
744 with the clerk of the superior court a record of the proceedings before the board of ethics,  
745 the decision of the board of ethics, and the notice of the final actions of the board of  
746 ethics.

747 (n) Any employee of the county filing a complaint pursuant to this section or providing  
748 information to the board of ethics, ethics officer, or ethics administrator in the course of an  
749 investigation undertaken pursuant to this section shall not be disciplined or subject to any  
750 adverse employment action as a result of filing such complaint or cooperating with an  
751 investigation.

752 (o) The provisions of this section shall supersede any conflicting policies or procedures  
753 adopted by the board of commissioners or any agency, officer, or employee subject to this  
754 section."

## 755 **SECTION 7.**

756 The election superintendent of Rockdale County shall call and conduct an election as  
757 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Rockdale

758 County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on  
759 the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2023 and shall issue the call and conduct  
760 such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date  
761 and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately  
762 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Rockdale County. The ballot shall have  
763 written or printed thereon the words:

764 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved that expands the Rockdale County Board of  
765 ( ) NO Commissioners to five members and provides for a county manager form  
766 of government and a code of ethics?"

767 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
768 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
769 such question are for approval of the Act:

770 (1) Section 6 and the provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members  
771 of the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County in 2024 shall become effective on  
772 January 1, 2024;

773 (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of this section, the remaining provisions  
774 of Sections 1 through 5 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

775 If the Act is not so approved, or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section,  
776 Sections 1 through 6 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be  
777 automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date.  
778 The expense of such election shall be borne by Rockdale County. It shall be the election  
779 superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions  
780 of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as  
781 directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any  
782 elector of Rockdale County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election  
783 superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the  
784 election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate

785 relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date  
786 required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in  
787 Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

788 **SECTION 8.**

789 Except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
790 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

791 **SECTION 9.**

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

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