SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE OF THE STATE ELECTIONS BOARD, CHAPTER 183-1-13, RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD, RULE 183-1-13-.01 MINIMUM NUMBER OF VO TING BOOTHS

Purpose: The purpose of the rule is to clarify the minimum number of voting booths required to be available to electors of a precinct.

Main Features: The main feature of the rule is to state that a county may consider the amount of voting booths available at a precinct on Election Day plus the amount of voting booths available to voters on the last day of the advance voting period.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD, CHAPTER 183-1-13, RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD, RULE 183-1-13-.01 MINIMUM NUMBER OF VOTING BOOTHS

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

CHAPTER 183-1-13 PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS VOTING BOOTHS AND POLL WATCHERS

RULE 183-1-13-.01 Minimum Number of Voting Booths

When calculating the number of voting booths or enclosures required to be available to electors of a precinct pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-367(b), the calculation shall take into account the number of voting booths or enclosures available for electors of a precinct on Election Day and on the last day of advance voting. Polling places with assigned voters from more than one precinct shall use the total numbers of voters assigned to the polling place when calculating the minimum number of voting booths.

For polling places that are used on Election day and (1) also an advance voting location for a minimum of 10 days, including a Sunday, or (2) within 5 miles of a polling place that was used as an advance voting location for a minimum of 10 days, including a Sunday, the number of voting booths or enclosures required to be available to electors of a precinct on Election Day pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-367(b) shall be calculated by subtracting the lowest number of voting booths made available during the advance voting period at the polling place from the total of one voting booth or enclosure for each 250 electors assigned to the polling place, or fraction thereof.

For any other polling place used on Election Day, the number of voting booths or enclosures required to be available to electors of a precinct on Election Day pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-367(b) shall be calculated by providing one voting booth or enclosure for each 250 electors assigned to the polling place, or fraction thereof.

No polling place that is used as an advance voting location and an Election Day location shall provide fewer voting booths on Election Day than during advance voting, except in circumstances where an emergency situation causes voting booths to become inoperable on Election Day.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-31, 21-2-367