

House Bill 1829

By: Representative Smith of the 91st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891
2 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, so as to change the descriptions of election
3 districts; to define certain terms; to provide for elections; to provide for continuation in office
4 of current members; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal
5 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891 (Ga. L.
10 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, is amended by striking subsections (a), (c), (d), and
11 (g) of Section IV and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(a)(1) For the purpose of electing members of the city council, the City of Madison is
13 divided into five election districts. One member of the city council shall be elected from
14 each such district. The five city council districts shall be and correspond to those
15 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
16 identified as Plan Name: madison6 Plan Type: Local User: Angela Administrator:
17 Madison.

18 (2) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
19 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau
20 of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia.
21 The separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG'
22 heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in
23 the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for
24 the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Madison which is not included in any such
25 district described in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to
26 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial

1 census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Any part of the City of Madison which is
 2 described in that attachment as being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be
 3 included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such
 4 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part
 5 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
 6 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the description of any
 7 district, whenever the description of such district refers to a named city, it shall mean the
 8 geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census map for the United States
 9 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

10 "(c) At the regularly scheduled general municipal election in 2003 there shall be elected
 11 three councilmembers. One such councilmember shall be elected from District 1 by the
 12 qualified electors residing in such district; one such councilmember shall be elected from
 13 District 3 by the qualified electors residing in such district; and one such councilmember
 14 shall be elected from District 4 by the qualified electors residing in such district.

15 (d) At the regularly scheduled general municipal election in 2005 there shall be elected a
 16 mayor and two councilmembers. One such councilmember shall be elected from District
 17 2 by the qualified electors residing in such district; one such councilmember shall be
 18 elected from District 5 by the qualified electors residing in such district; and the mayor
 19 shall be elected from the city at large by the qualified electors of the entire city."

20 "(g) Districts 1 through 5 as they exist immediately prior to January 1, 2003, shall continue
 21 to be designated as Districts 1 through 5, respectively, but as described under subsection
 22 (a) of this section; and on and after January 1, 2003, such members of the city council
 23 serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing
 24 districts as described in subsection (a) of this section."

25 SECTION 2.

26 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the City of Madison to submit this Act for approval
 27 pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

28 SECTION 3.

29 (a) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2003.

30 (b) All other provisions of this Act shall become effective upon approval of this Act by the
 31 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

32 SECTION 4.

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