

## House Bill 592 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the revised and restated charter for the City of Monroe,  
2 approved April 8, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3221), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3535), so as to change the description of the election  
4 districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of  
5 current members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal  
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the revised and restated charter for the City of Monroe, approved April  
10 8, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3221), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995  
11 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3535), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 2.03 and inserting  
12 in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

13 "(a)(1) For purposes of electing members of the city council of the City of Monroe, the  
14 City of Monroe is divided into eight election districts. One member of the board shall be  
15 elected from each such district. The eight election districts shall be and correspond to  
16 those eight numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act  
17 and further identified as Plan Name:monroecc1 Plan Type: Local User: Blake  
18 Administrator: Monroe and Plan Name:monccsup1 Plan Type: Local User: Blake  
19 Administrator: Monroe.

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

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

12 (3) Election Districts 1 through 8 as they exist before the effective date of this Act, shall  
13 continue to be designated as Election Districts 1 through 8, respectively, but as newly  
14 described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members  
15 of the board serving from those former election districts shall be deemed to be serving  
16 from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act."

## 17 SECTION 2.

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

## 23 SECTION 3.

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