

House Bill 592 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Walker of the 71st, Post 1, Sheldon of the 71st, Post 2, Stokes of the 72nd and Douglas of the 73rd

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

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

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

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.