House Bill 1039

By: Representative Morris of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, approved

2 February 27, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2729), as amended, so as to change the

3 description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide

4 for continuation in office of current members; to provide for manner of election and terms

5 of office; to provide for submission of this Act pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting

6 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;

7 and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, approved February 27,

11 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2729), as amended, is amended by revising Sections 4
12 and 5 as follows:

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"SECTION 4.

14 (a) For purposes of electing members of the board, Montgomery County is divided into four commissioner districts, and those districts shall be and correspond to those four 15 16 districts described in and attached to this Act and made a part hereof and further identified 17 as 'Plan: montgomeryccsb-2012 Plan Type: local Administrator: montgomery User: bak'. One commissioner each shall be elected from Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 4 and two 18 commissioners shall be elected from Commissioner District 3 by the electors of such 19 20 districts. The two commissioners elected from District 3 shall be designated as holding Post 1 and Post 2, respectively. 21

22 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

(A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district

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description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

33 (2) Any part of Montgomery County which is not included in any district described in
34 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
35 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
36 2010 for the State of Georgia.

37 (3) Any part of Montgomery County which is described in subsection (b) of this section
38 as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
39 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
40 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
41 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
42 Georgia.

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SECTION 5.

44 Members of the board representing Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 and Commissioner 45 District 3, Post 1, shall be elected at the November general election in 2012, take office the 46 first day of January immediately following that election, and serve for initial terms of office 47 of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Members of the board representing Commissioner District 3, Post 2, and Commissioner District 4 shall 48 49 be elected at the November general election in 2012, take office the first day of January 50 immediately following that election, and serve for initial terms of office of two years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. All future successors to 51 members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the November 52 general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, take office the first 53 54 day of January immediately following that election, and serve for terms of office of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified." 55

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SECTION 2.

57 Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County who are serving as 58 such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such 59 office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective 60 terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

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61	SECTION 3.
62	The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County shall through its legal counsel cause
63	this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
64	amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
65	or otherwise becomes law without such approval.
66	SECTION 4.
67	This section, Sections 2 and 3, and the provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections
68	for the members of the board in 2012 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act
69	by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions
70	of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

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SECTION 5.

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

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