

House Bill 508 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, and Bazemore of the 63rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Morrow, approved June 3, 2003
2 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4214), as amended, so as to provide for a governing authority; to create
3 districts for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and
4 inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of
5 current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Morrow, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L.
10 2003, p. 4214), is amended by revising Section 2.10 as follows:

11 **"SECTION 2.10.**

12 City council creation; number; election.

13 The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically
14 provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and
15 four councilmembers. The city council established shall in all respects be a successor to
16 and continuation of the governing authority under prior law. The mayor shall be elected
17 at large by the qualified voters of the city. The councilmembers shall be elected in the
18 manner provided by general law and this charter."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

21 **"SECTION 5.11.**

22 Election of the city council.

23 (a) For the purpose of electing the four councilmembers of the City of Morrow, the city
24 shall be divided into two districts. Districts 1 and 2 shall correspond to those two
25 numbered districts described in a plan and attached to and made a part of this Act and
26 further identified as 'Plan: morrow-p2-2017 Plan Type: Local Administrator: HD75 User:
27 Gina.'

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

29 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
30 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
31 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
32 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual
33 blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
34 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

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

39 (2) Any part of City of Morrow that is not included in any district described in
40 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
41 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
42 2010 for the State of Georgia.

43 (3) Any part of City of Morrow which is described in subsection (a) of this section as
44 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
45 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
46 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
47 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
48 Georgia.

49 (c) There shall be two members of the city council elected by each district each holding
50 Post I or Post II. A candidate shall designate the district and post for which such candidate
51 offers for election. A candidate shall have been a resident of the district for which such
52 candidate offers for election for at least 12 months prior to the date of election. Members
53 of the city council shall be elected by qualified electors of the district for which they offer
54 for election. The election of members of the city council shall be conducted in accordance
55 with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

56 (d) The members of the city council elected in the November, 2013, general election shall
57 continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected

58 and qualified as provided in this Act. The members of the city council elected in the
59 November, 2015, general election shall continue in office for the terms to which they were
60 elected and until successors are elected and qualified as provided in this Act.

61 (e) The first members of the reconstituted governing authority of the City of Morrow from
62 District 1 shall be elected in the November, 2017, general election. Such members shall
63 take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their
64 successors are elected and qualified.

65 (f) The first members of the reconstituted governing authority of the City of Morrow from
66 District 2 shall be elected in the November, 2019, general election. Such members shall
67 take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their
68 successors are elected and qualified.

69 (g) Successors to members elected under subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall be
70 elected in the November general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
71 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
72 until their successors are elected and qualified."

73 **SECTION 3.**

74 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the 2017 regular election of members
75 of the governing authority of the City of Morrow shall become effective upon its approval
76 by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall
77 otherwise become effective January 1, 2018.

78 **SECTION 4.**

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

Plan: morrow-p2-2017
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: HD75
User: Gina

District 001
Clayton County
VTD: 063FP6 - FOREST PARK 6
040408:
1024
VTD: 063LC1 - LAKE CITY
040408:
1014 1015 1018 1019 1020 2013 2015 2017 2018 2019 2020

2023
2024 2025 2026 2027
VTD: 063MO2 - MORROW 2
040408:
1006 1007 1008 1010 1011 1012 1013 1016 1017 1021 1022

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VTD: 063MO3 - MORROW 3
040408:
3003 3006 3007 3010 3015 3016 3023 3024 3025 3029

District 002
Clayton County
VTD: 063FP4 - FOREST PARK 4
040408:
1025 1026 1027 1030
VTD: 063FP6 - FOREST PARK 6
040307:
2019 2029 2030 2033
040408:
1009 1023 1028 1029 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035
040416:
1002 1003 1004 1005
VTD: 063JB15 - JONESBORO 15
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2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033
040417:
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VTD: 063JB18 - JONESBORO 18
040412:
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VTD: 063MO2 - MORROW 2
040412:
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040416:
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VTD: 063MO4 - MORROW 4
040412:
3046
VTD: 063RD06 - RIVERDALE 6
040416:
2009 2024