

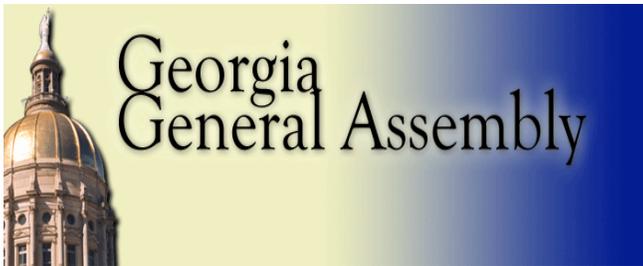


To: Residents of District 5

From: Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair, District 5
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Subject: **Board of Commissioners Opposes Anti-Fulton Legislation: HB 170, 171 and 172**

Date: February 19, 2013



The subject legislation is now under review by the Fulton County House and Senate Delegations to the Georgia General Assembly. The Board of Commissioners has voted 5-2 in opposition to HB 170, “the Fulton County Destruction Bill”, HB 171, “the Fulton County Resegregation Bill”, and HB 172 “the Fulton County Employees Plantation Bill.”

If HB 170, the “\$60,000 Exemption Bill” passes, your taxes may be reduced but your health center, library, senior center, arts center and after-school program may be closed. [Grady Hospital, Elections, Superior Court, State Court and other independent agencies funded by Fulton County will also experience major cuts in funding and services]

If HB 171, “the Fulton County Resegregation Bill” passes, the number of commissioners who can be elected by minority residents of Fulton County will be reduced in violation of the Constitution of the United States. Further, the “staggered terms” provision reduces the number of commissioners minority residents can elect to four (4) year terms in violation of law. By providing for three (3) majority districts in the North and three (3) minority districts in the South, race and class rather than population have been used as the controlling factors in the North Fulton “Redistricting Plan.”

If HB 172, “the Fulton County Employees Plantation Bill” passes, Fulton County employees will be stripped of any protection from termination for political or non-job related reasons.

You may contact members of the Fulton County House Delegation as follows:

For more information, contact Commissioner Darnell by e-mail at emma.darnell@fultoncountyga.gov or by phone at (404) 612-8222.