

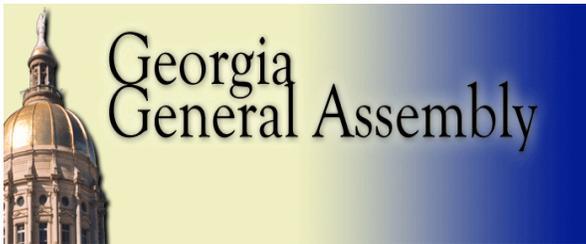


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From: Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair, District 5
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Subject: **SPECIAL REPORT: FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2013 SESSION OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Date: April 4, 2013



Listed below are bills related to the operation of Fulton County government, adopted by the Legislature and of Special Interest to District 5 residents.

The North Fulton Re-Districting (“Re-Segregation”) Bill Passes

“The North Fulton Re-districting Plan” passed the House of Representatives and the Senate. H.B. 171 abolishes one (1) (county-wide) At-Large Commission district and adds one district in North Fulton County.

Three (minority) incumbents Darnell, Eaves and Edwards are placed in one (1) district. The elections of Commissioners will also be staggered, with either three (3) or four (4) of the seven Commissioners elected every two years. The North Fulton Re-Districting Plan requires “pre-clearance” by the U.S. Justice Department before it can become law.

The Fulton County “Plantation” Bill - H.B. 594 H.B. 598; Changes Definition of “Classified” Employees

Except for public safety employees, all employees who accept new positions and future employees will be in the “unclassified” service. After July 1, 2013, the same law will apply to employees who serve the Superior Court, the Magistrate Court and the State Court of Fulton County.

“The Fulton County Destruction Bill” - H.B. 541

Led by State Rep. Ed Lindsey, (Buckhead), H.B. 541 passed the House of Representatives but did not pass the Senate before adjournment. The “Destruction Bill” will increase Fulton County’s Homestead Exemption from \$30,000 (the highest in the state) to \$60,000 and cost Fulton County an estimated \$45 -\$50 million per year. H.B. 541 is considered “pending in the Senate.”

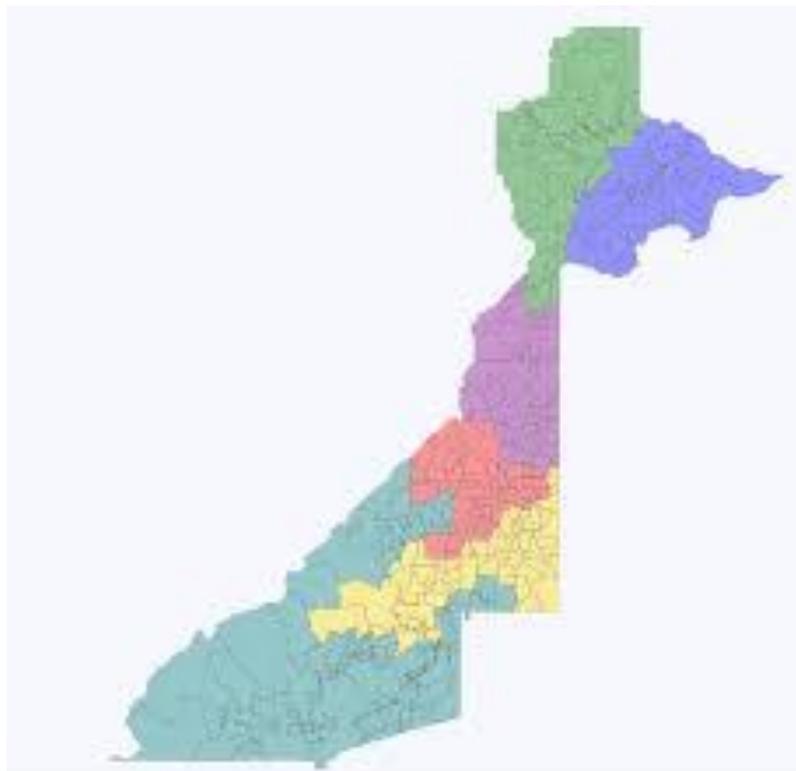
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Fulton Delegation Nominates Fulton County Elections Board Chair - H.B. 347

The Chair of the Fulton County Elections Board would be nominated by the Georgia House and Senate Delegations. The Board of Commissioners would no longer have the authority to nominate and select the Chair of the Fulton County Elections Board. Passed by both House and Senate.

MARTA Authority to Appoint Board Members - S.B. 155

A provision removing the appointment power (of MARTA Board Members) from the Fulton County and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and transferring the appointment authority to the Mayors of Fulton County passed the House but did not pass the Senate before adjournment. Pending in the Senate.



4S – St. Peters Church
9A- Marietta Rd. High Rise
9D – Salem Baptist Church
9K – Scott Elementary
9M – Fire Station #28
10F - Berean Church
10P – Towns Elementary

4T – W. Oakland Church
9B – English Park Rec. Center
9E – Dogwood Senior Center
9G – Fire Station #8
10D- Adamsville Natatorium
10J – Westside Church
11H1, H2 – Beecher Hills Elementary

The North Fulton Re-Districting Plan: District 5 Precincts Moved

Under the North Fulton “Re-Segregation Bill”, over 35 precincts now in District 5 will be moved to a (New) District 4. The following precincts would be moved:

2X – GA Tech
3A1, A2 – Atl. Job Corps
3B1, B2 – North Ave. Church
3C – Atl. Police Athletic League
3D – Washington Park Library
3H – North Ave Church
3L – Fire Station #16
3M – NW Baptist Church
3R – Woodson Elementary
3S – Berean Church
4A – Washington High School
4D – Scott Recreation Center
4L – West Hunter Church
4M – James Orange Park
4X1, X2 – Connally Elementary
9C – Jackson Memorial Church
9F – Warren Athletic Field
9L – Springfield Baptist Church
10E – Harper-Archer Middle
10M1, M2 – McGhee Tennis Center
11K – Cascade Elementary

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