

1 HB437  
2 190644-3  
3 By Representative Henry (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Morgan  
10 County, to provide that, effective for the election  
11 of the Morgan County Commission in 2022, the county  
12 commission would be composed of four commissioners  
13 elected from single member districts and a chair  
14 elected countywide, all elected for four-year  
15 terms.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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22 Alabama of 1901, relating to Morgan County, to provide that,  
23 effective for the election of the Morgan County Commission in  
24 2022, the county commission would be composed of four  
25 commissioners elected from single member districts and a chair  
26 elected countywide, all elected for four-year terms.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. The following amendment to the  
2           Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become  
3           valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of  
4           this act are fulfilled:

5                           PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6           (a) Effective for the election of the Morgan County  
7           Commission in 2022, and thereafter, the Morgan County  
8           Commission shall be composed of four county commissioners  
9           elected from four single member districts for four-year terms  
10          and the chair of the Morgan County Commission shall be elected  
11          countywide for a four-year term. Each member of the county  
12          commission shall be a resident of the district from which  
13          elected and only a registered voter of a district shall be  
14          entitled to vote for the commissioner in the district where  
15          the voter resides. Each of the four county commissioners shall  
16          serve on a part-time basis with compensation commensurate with  
17          a part-time position and the chair of the county commission  
18          shall serve on a full-time basis with compensation  
19          commensurate with a full-time position. The county commission  
20          shall establish a centrally located shop and centralized road  
21          system for the operation of county roads and bridges.  
22          Additional shop locations may be established by local law to  
23          facilitate the economical use of equipment and funds. In order  
24          to provide for a transition from the election provisions for  
25          the Morgan County Commission prior to the effective date of  
26          this amendment, the members of the Morgan County Commission

1 who are residents of District 3 and District 4 shall be  
2 elected in 2020 for two-year terms.

3 (b) The Morgan County Commission shall adopt the  
4 district boundaries for the first election of county  
5 commissioners in 2022 pursuant to this amendment not less than  
6 180 days prior to the primary election in 2022.

7 (c) Act 258 of the 1973 Regular Session (Acts 1973,  
8 p. 291), as amended by Act 1266 of the 1973 Regular Session  
9 (Acts 1973, p. 2109), is repealed.

10 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
11 shall be held in accordance with Section 284.01 of the  
12 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
13 as amended, and the election laws of this state.

14 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
15 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
16 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
17 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
18 the proposed constitutional amendment:

19 "Relating to Morgan County, proposing an amendment  
20 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that,  
21 effective for the election of the Morgan County Commission in  
22 2022, the county commission would be composed of four  
23 commissioners elected from single member districts and a chair  
24 elected countywide, all elected for four-year terms.

25 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

26 This description shall be followed by the following  
27 language:

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"Yes ( ) No ( )."