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3 HOUSE LOCAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HB437
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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. The chair would be elected for
15 a four-year term and the commissioners would be
16 elected for four-year staggered terms.
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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT
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22 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
23 Alabama of 1901, relating to Morgan County, to provide that,
24 effective for the election of the Morgan County Commission in
25 2022, the county commission would be composed of four
26 commissioners elected from single member districts and a chair
27 elected countywide; to provide that the chair would be elected

1 for a four-year term and the commissioners would be elected
2 for four-year staggered terms.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

8 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

9 (a) Effective for the election of the Morgan County
10 Commission in 2022, and thereafter, the Morgan County
11 Commission shall be composed of four county commissioners
12 elected from four single member districts and the chair of the
13 Morgan County Commission elected countywide. The chair shall
14 be elected for a four-year term. The four county commissioners
15 shall be elected for staggered terms as follows: The districts
16 shall be numbered one to four. For the 2022 election, county
17 commissioners elected from districts one and three shall be
18 elected for two-year terms and commissioners elected from
19 districts two and four shall be elected for four-year terms.
20 Thereafter, successors shall be elected for four-year terms.
21 Each member of the county commission shall be a resident of
22 the district from which elected and only a registered voter of
23 a district shall be entitled to vote for the commissioner in
24 the district where the voter resides. Each of the four county
25 commissioners shall serve on a part-time basis with
26 compensation commensurate with a part-time position and the
27 chair of the county commission shall serve on a full-time

1 basis with compensation commensurate with a full-time
2 position. The county commission shall establish a centrally
3 located shop and centralized road system for the operation of
4 county roads and bridges. Additional shop locations may be
5 established by local law to facilitate the economical use of
6 equipment and funds. In order to provide for a transition from
7 the election provisions for the Morgan County Commission prior
8 to the effective date of this amendment, the members of the
9 Morgan County Commission who are residents of District 3 and
10 District 4 shall be elected in 2020 for two-year terms.

11 (b) The Morgan County Commission shall adopt the
12 district boundaries for the first election of county
13 commissioners in 2022 pursuant to this amendment not less than
14 180 days prior to the primary election in 2022. The districts
15 shall be apportioned in accordance with federal law.

16 (c) Act 258 of the 1973 Regular Session (Acts 1973,
17 p. 291), as amended by Act 1266 of the 1973 Regular Session
18 (Acts 1973, p. 2109), is repealed.

19 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
20 shall be held in accordance with Section 284.01 of the
21 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
22 as amended, and the election laws of this state.

23 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
24 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
25 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
26 following description of the substance or subject matter of
27 the proposed constitutional amendment:

1 "Relating to Morgan County, proposing an amendment
2 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that,
3 effective for the election of the Morgan County Commission in
4 2022, the county commission would be composed of four
5 commissioners elected from single member districts and a chair
6 elected countywide, and to provide that the chair would be
7 elected for a four-year term and that the four commissioners
8 would be elected for four-year staggered terms.

9 "Proposed by Act _____"

10 This description shall be followed by the following
11 language:

12 "Yes () No ()."