

House Bill 601 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Roberts of the 52nd, and Panitch of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County,
2 approved April 15, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3515), as amended, so as to change the description
3 of the election districts for the city council; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to
4 provide for continuation in office of current members; to revise the compensation of the
5 mayor and councilmembers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County, approved
9 April 15, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3515), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (c) of
10 Section 2.01 as follows:

11 "(c)(1) Each city councilmember shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified
12 electors of his or her respective city council district voting at the elections of the city. For
13 the purpose of electing the six city councilmembers, there shall be six city council
14 districts. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall be and correspond to those six numbered
15 districts described in Appendix B attached to and made a part of this Act and further
16 identified as 'User: Sandy Springs Plan Name: SandySprings-2023 Plan Type: Local'.

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17 Each person desiring to offer as a candidate for city councilmember shall designate the
18 city council district for which he or she is offering.

19 (2)(A) For the purposes of such plan:

20 (i) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
21 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
22 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a
23 district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe
24 individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census
25 for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

26 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
27 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
28 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
29 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

30 (B) Any part of the City of Sandy Springs which is not included in any district
31 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district
32 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
33 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

34 (3) Except for incorporated islands of the City of Sandy Springs, any part of the City of
35 Sandy Springs which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included
36 in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part
37 is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
38 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
39 to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

40 (4)(A) Those members of the city council who are serving as such on the effective date
41 of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue
42 to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office
43 and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

44 (B) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of
45 this Act, shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, but
46 as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such
47 members of the council serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be
48 serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this
49 Act."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.07 as follows:

52 "SECTION 2.07.

53 Compensation and expenses.

54 Effective July 1, 2023, the starting salary of the mayor shall not be less than \$42,000.00
55 and the starting salary for each city councilmember shall not be less than \$26,000.00. Such
56 salary shall be paid from municipal funds in monthly installments. The city council shall
57 have authority to vote annually to raise the mayor's and city councilmembers' salaries in
58 an amount consistent with the Consumer Price Index or similar inflationary index. The city
59 council may provide by ordinance for the provision of insurance, retirement, workers'
60 compensation, and other employee benefits to the mayor and city councilmembers and may
61 provide by ordinance for the reimbursement of expenses actually and necessarily incurred
62 by the mayor and city councilmembers in carrying out their official duties."

63 **SECTION 3.**

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

65 APPENDIX B

66 User: Sandy Springs

67 Plan Name: SandySprings-2023

68 Plan Type: Local

69 District 001

70 County Fulton GA

71 VTD SS01

72 VTD SS15A

73 Block 010125

74 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2008

75 VTD SS15B

76 VTD SS17

77 VTD SS20

78 District 002

79 County Fulton GA

80 VTD SS02A

81 VTD SS02B

82 VTD SS15A

83 Block 010124

84 1000 1001 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 3001

85 Block 010125

86 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007

87 VTD SS18B

88 VTD SS19A

89 VTD SS19B

90 VTD SS22

 91 District 003
 92 County Fulton GA
 93 VTD SS03
 94 VTD SS05
 95 VTD SS06
 96 VTD SS07B
 97 VTD SS07C
 98 VTD SS08B
 99 VTD SS08C
 100 VTD SS08D
 101 VTD SS18A
 102 VTD SS29A
 103 Block 010130
 104 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008
 105 VTD SS31

 106 District 004
 107 County Fulton GA
 108 VTD SS04
 109 VTD SS07A
 110 VTD SS26
 111 VTD SS29A
 112 Block 010130
 113 1000 1001 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 3000 3001 3002 4000
 114 4001 5000 5001 5002

115 Block 010131
116 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012
117 VTD SS29B

118 District 005
119 County Fulton GA
120 VTD SS08A
121 VTD SS11A
122 VTD SS12
123 VTD SS13A
124 VTD SS14
125 Block 010004
126 2000 2008
127 Block 010005
128 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1008 1009 2000 2001 2002
129 Block 010115
130 1008 1009 1010 1011
131 Block 010136
132 1003 1004 1005 1009 2009 2010 2011

133 District 006
134 County Fulton GA
135 VTD SS09A
136 VTD SS09B
137 VTD SS11B
138 VTD SS11C
139 VTD SS11D

140 VTD SS13B

141 VTD SS16