

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
2 **CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF GEORGIA HOUSE BILL 369, WHICH**
3 **PROVIDES FOR THE NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND**
4 **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN CLAYTON, COBB, DEKALB, FULTON AND GWINNETT**
5 **COUNTIES BEGINNING IN 2028; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has been a bastion in the fight for equal access to the
8 ballot and free and fair elections; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has been a leader among counties in the State of
10 Georgia with respect to ballot access, free and fair elections, and honoring the will of its
11 electors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Governor Brian Kemp signed House Bill 369 into law on May 12,
13 2026; and

14 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 369 proposes to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official
15 Code of Georgia Annotated to require the nonpartisan election of certain county officers
16 and district attorneys in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties beginning
17 January 1, 2028; and

18 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 369 requires that candidates for various county offices,
19 such as the board of commissioners, tax commissioner, clerk of superior court, solicitor-
20 general, in these counties be elected through nonpartisan elections and would further
21 repeal existing local laws providing for partisan elections for such offices; and

22 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 369 further proposes that district attorneys for judicial
23 circuits in these five counties be elected through nonpartisan elections conducted as part
24 of the November election without a prior primary election; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes that the method
26 of electing local constitutional officers and district attorneys is a matter of substantial local
27 concern that directly impacts the voters and residents of Fulton County; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds that House Bill 369
29 selectively applies changes in election procedures to the five most populous counties,
30 Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett, while leaving substantially similar offices
31 and election structures unchanged in other counties throughout the State of Georgia; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the District Attorneys in these five counties are African-American
33 females, and it is apparent that House Bill 369 is motivated by race and gender; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is concerned that House
35 Bill 369 may constitute impermissible special legislation and may raise constitutional
36 concerns regarding uniformity and equal application of laws affecting local governments
37 and elections; and

38 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds that any changes to
39 the method of electing local constitutional officers and district attorneys should be
40 carefully evaluated in consultation with local governments, election officials, and the
41 public since it subverts the will of the electors; and

42 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to preserve local
43 legislative authority and protect the rights of Fulton County residents to participate in
44 determining the structure of their local elections.

45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
46 Commissioners recognizes its long-standing commitment to free and fair elections and
47 decries any attempt to disenfranchise voters in these five counties; and

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
49 hereby expresses its opposition to the implementation of the legislation as currently
50 adopted and challenges its constitutionality; and

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
52 urges the Georgia General Assembly to reconsider and refrain from legislation that
53 selectively alters local election systems without statewide uniformity or local approval;
54 and

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
56 directs the County Attorney to research and provide the Board of Commissioners with
57 recommendations on all legal avenues to fight implementation of HB 369; and

58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is
59 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General
60 Assembly and the Georgia Congressional Delegation; and

61 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon
62 adoption by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and that all parts of resolutions
63 in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

64 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,

65 Georgia this 20 day of May, 2026.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney



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