COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 14, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-07 opposing the split of the Griffin Judicial Circuit and the creation of a separate circuit for Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

Refer to Resolution 2013-07 attached as backup to this request.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-07 opposing the split of the Griffin Judicial Circuit and the creation of a separate circuit for Fayette County.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

County of Fayette;
State of Georgia

RESOLUTION 2013-07

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SPLIT OF THE GRIFFIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE CIRCUIT FOR FAYETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Fayette County resides in the Griffin Judicial Circuit along with Pike County, Spalding County and Upson County; and

WHEREAS, There has been past discussion of creating an autonomous circuit for Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, A bill was presented in the Georgia House of Representatives in 2003 to create the "Fayette Judicial Circuit," but it did not move forward; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Board of Commissioners had a financial feasibility study performed in 2008 on creating a separate judicial circuit and it showed increased costs for the Fayette County Government and the State Government; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a separate circuit for Fayette County would, in fact, create a one-judge circuit; and

WHEREAS, One-judge circuits cause significant problems by not providing flexibility, for instance in conflict-of-interest cases, and the case load would be overwhelming, slowing due process for Fayette County residents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County does hereby formally oppose the split of the Griffin Judicial Circuit and creation of a separate circuit for Fayette County.

So resolved this 14th day of March 2013, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman

Attest:

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk