

House Bill 1831

By: Representative Dukes of the 161<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Colquitt, Georgia, approved April  
2 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4503), as amended, so as to change the provision for filling of  
3 vacancies in the office of mayor or councilmember; to provide for qualifications for the city  
4 manager; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Colquitt, Georgia, approved April 16, 1999  
9 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4503), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Section 2.12  
10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(c) In the event that the office of mayor or councilmember shall become vacant, the city  
12 council or those remaining shall appoint a successor until the next regular general election  
13 for the City of Colquitt."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 3.21 in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
16 thereof the following:

17 "SECTION 3.21.

18 City manager; appointment; qualifications; compensation.

19 By a majority vote, the city council shall appoint a city manager for an indefinite term and  
20 shall fix his or her compensation. The manager shall be appointed solely on the basis of  
21 his or her executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to actual  
22 experience in or knowledge of accepted practice in respect to the duties of the office. At  
23 the time of his or her appointment the appointee need not be a resident of the city or state,  
24 but, during the manager's tenure of office, he or she shall reside within either the City of

1 Colquitt or the County of Miller. No councilmember shall receive such appointment  
2 during the term for which the councilmember shall have been elected nor within one year  
3 after the expiration of the councilmember's term."

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
6 without such approval.

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.