

House Bill 617

By: Representative Lord of the 121st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Stapleton, approved March 30, 2000
2 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3543), so as to change the terms of the mayor and councilmembers; to
3 provide for at-large elections; to provide that candidates shall designate the seat for which
4 they seek election; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create a new charter for the City of Stapleton, approved March 30, 2000 (Ga. L.
8 2000, p. 3543), is amended by striking Section 2.05 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
9 a new Section 2.05 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.05.

11 Election of the city council and mayor.

12 (a) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2000, an election shall be
13 conducted by the city election manager at the same hours and places for general elections
14 to elect three councilmembers. The three candidates for city council elected at that time
15 to the councilmember positions held on January 1, 2000, by Kevin Prescott (Seat No.1),
16 Barbara Heckard (Seat No. 2), and Carol Smith (Seat No. 3) shall take office on January
17 1, 2001, and serve for terms expiring December 31, 2002, and until such city
18 councilmembers' successors are elected and qualified as provided in subsection (c) of this
19 section.

20 (b) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2001, an election shall be
21 conducted by the city election manager at the same hours and places for general elections
22 to elect a mayor and two councilmembers. The mayor elected at that time shall take office
23 on January 1, 2002, at the expiration of the term of office of the person serving as mayor
24 on January 1, 2000, June Rooks. The two candidates for city council elected at that time
25 to the councilmember positions held on January 1, 2000, by James Sheppard (Seat No. 4)

1 and George Stapleton (Seat No. 5) shall take office on January 1, 2002. The mayor and
2 city councilmembers elected in November, 2001, shall serve for terms expiring December
3 31, 2004, and until such mayor's and city councilmembers' successors are elected and
4 qualified as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

5 (c) Thereafter, the successors to the positions held by Prescott, Heckard, and Smith shall
6 be elected on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2002, and continuing
7 quadrennially in even-numbered years thereafter. Said successors shall take office on
8 January 1 of the following year at the expiration of the then current terms of office. The
9 successors to the positions held by Rooks, Sheppard, and Stapleton shall be elected on the
10 Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2004, and continuing quadrennially in
11 even-numbered years thereafter. Said successors shall take office on January 1 of the
12 following year at the expiration of the then current terms of office. The mayor and all
13 councilmembers elected as provided in this subsection shall serve for terms of four years
14 each so that a continuing body is created.

15 (d) Each councilmember shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire municipality.
16 When qualifying to seek of the office of councilmember, each candidate shall designate the
17 specific seat number set forth in this section to which the candidate seeks to be elected.
18 The designation of the specific seat and the name of the incumbent holding such post or
19 seat shall be entered on the ballot in such manner that in the ensuing election such
20 candidate shall only oppose the other candidate or candidates, if any, who designated the
21 same specific seat. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for the particular
22 seat shall be elected pursuant to Section 2.09."

23 SECTION 2.

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