

House Bill 668

By: Representative Hudson of the 120th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating the City of Crawfordville, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga.
2 L. 1975, p. 2986), so as to change the provisions relating to the powers and duties of the
3 mayor and vice mayor; to change the provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the
4 office of mayor or councilmember; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act reincorporating the City of Crawfordville, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p.
8 2986), is amended by striking Section 2.03 of said Act and inserting in its place the
9 following:

10 Section 2.03.

11 Mayor as Presiding Officer.

12 The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council, shall have a vote in all instances, but
13 no veto power; shall be the ceremonial head of the city, shall sign ordinances and
14 resolutions on their final passage; shall sign deeds, bonds, and contracts when authorized
15 by the council to do so; shall be the officer to accept process against the city, and shall
16 perform other duties imposed by this Act and ordinances not inconsistent with this Act.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.04 of said Act and inserting in its place the
19 following:

1 Section 2.04.

2 Vice Mayor.

3 The council at the first regular meeting, after the newly elected councilmembers have taken
 4 office following each annual election, shall elect from its membership a vice mayor for a
 5 term of four years. In the event that no decision is reached at such first regular meeting,
 6 the council shall, within five ballots to be taken within ten days following such meeting,
 7 elect the vice mayor; otherwise the councilmembers who received the highest number of
 8 votes, when he or she was last elected, shall become vice mayor. The vice mayor shall
 9 perform the duties of the mayor during the mayor's absence or inability to act, in which
 10 case a new vice mayor shall be elected by majority vote of the council.

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.05 of said Act and inserting in its place the
 13 following:

14 Section 2.05.

15 Vacancy in Office of Mayor or Councilmember.

16 A vacancy shall exist if the mayor or a councilmember resigns, dies, moves his or her
 17 residence from the city, or has been continuously disabled for a period of six months, so as
 18 to prevent him or her from discharging the duties of his or her office, or if he or she accepts
 19 any federal, state, county, or other municipal office or position of employment except as a
 20 magistrate or member of the National Guard or other reserve components of the U. S. Armed
 21 Forces; or if he or she is convicted of malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or of a felony,
 22 or violation of this Act; or any violation of the election laws of the state. In the event of a
 23 vacancy in the office of mayor, the vice mayor shall fill out the unexpired term in the office
 24 of mayor if there shall be six months or less remaining to be served in such term. If,
 25 however, there shall be more than six months remaining to be served in such term, a special
 26 election shall be called to be held in the city to elect a person to fill out the balance of the
 27 unexpired term in the office of mayor. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a
 28 councilmember, if there shall be six months or less remaining in the term to be served by
 29 such councilmember, the mayor and council shall immediately appoint, by majority vote
 30 among themselves, another person to serve for said remaining term of six months or less.
 31 If, however, there shall be more than six months remaining to be served in the term of said
 32 councilmember, a special election shall be called by the mayor and council to be held in the
 33 city to elect person to fill out such unexpired term. In the interim period between the

1 occurrence of the vacancy and the election of a new councilmember the mayor and council
2 shall appoint an interim appointee to serve until the election is held. Such interim appointee
3 may, if he or she desires, be a candidate in such election.

4 **SECTION 4.**

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