

House Bill 892

By: Representatives Jackson of the 112th and Harbin of the 113th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Harlem, approved March 30, 1971
2 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2557), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the election of
3 the mayor and councilmen; to change the provisions relating to terms of office; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Harlem, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L.
8 1971, p. 2557), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2.03 in its entirety and inserting
9 in lieu thereof a new Section 2.03 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.03.

11 Election of mayor and councilmen.

12 (a) The mayor and councilmen serving on April 1, 2001, shall serve out their terms and
13 until their successors have been elected and qualified.

14 (b) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2001, an election shall
15 be held for the two councilmen whose terms of office expire the following January. The
16 two candidates for the office of councilmen who receive the highest number of votes cast
17 in said election shall be elected for terms of office of three years each and until their
18 successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, on the Tuesday next following the
19 first Monday in November in 2004, and every four years thereafter, an election shall be
20 held for the two councilmen whose terms of office expire the following January. The two
21 candidates for the office of councilmen who receive the highest number of votes cast in any
22 such election shall be elected for terms of office of four years each and until their
23 successors are duly elected and qualified.

1 (c) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002, and every four
2 years thereafter, an election shall be held for the mayor and two councilmen whose terms
3 of office expire the following January. The candidate for mayor who receives the highest
4 number of votes cast in any such election and the two candidates for the office of
5 councilmen who receive the highest number of votes cast in any such election shall be
6 elected for terms of office of four years each and until their successors are duly elected and
7 qualified."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.04 in its entirety and inserting in lieu
10 thereof a new Section 2.04 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.04.

12 Terms of office.

13 The terms of office for mayor and councilmen shall begin on the first day of January next
14 succeeding the election and shall continue until their successors are elected and qualified.
15 The terms of office for the two councilmen elected at the general election held in
16 November, 2001, shall be for three years and until their successors are elected and
17 qualified. The terms of office of the mayor and two councilmen elected in the election to
18 be held in November, 2002, shall be for four years and until their successors are elected
19 and qualified. Thereafter, the terms of office for the mayor and councilmen shall be four
20 years and until their successors are elected and qualified. On or before the second Monday
21 in January of each year following a general election, there shall be a ceremony at which the
22 newly elected officials shall take the prescribed oath of office."

23 **SECTION 3.**

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