

Senate Bill 270

By: Senator Cheeks of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating the City of Wrens in Jefferson County, approved December
2 17, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 722), as amended, so as to provide for a mayor pro tem. and the
3 duties and powers thereof; to change the provisions regarding vacancies in 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 incorporating the City of Wrens in Jefferson County, approved December 17, 1901
8 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 722), as amended, is amended by striking Section 14 thereof in its entirety
9 and inserting in its place the following:

10 "SECTION 14.

11 (a) By a majority vote, the city council shall elect a councilman to serve as mayor pro tem.
12 The mayor pro tem. shall preside at all meetings of the city council and shall assume the
13 duties and powers of the mayor upon the mayor's physical or mental disability or absence.
14 The city council by a majority vote shall elect a new presiding officer from among its
15 members for any period in which the mayor pro tem. is disabled, absent, or acting as
16 mayor. Any such absence or disability shall be declared by majority vote of the council.

17 (b) If the office of a councilman becomes vacant for any reason, other than the expiration
18 of the term of office, and:

19 (1) There are more than 180 days remaining before the expiration of the term of such
20 office, a special election to fill such vacancy shall be conducted as soon as permissible
21 under general law; or

22 (2) There are 180 or fewer days remaining before the expiration of the term of such
23 office, that office shall remain vacant until filled at the next regular municipal election.

24 (c) If the office of mayor becomes vacant for any reason, other than expiration of the term
25 of office, and:

- 1 (1) There are more than 180 days remaining before the expiration of the term of such
2 office, a special election to fill such vacancy shall be conducted as soon as permissible
3 under general law and the mayor pro tem. shall exercise the powers and duties of the
4 office of mayor until that vacancy is filled; or
5 (2) There are 180 or fewer days remaining before the expiration of the term of such
6 office, the mayor pro tem. shall become the mayor until the office of mayor is filled at
7 the next general election."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.