

House Bill 1801 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative McCall of the 78th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Bowman, approved May 1, 2002
2 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5426), so as to change provisions relating to the quorum and voting
3 procedures for the city council; to change provisions relating to ordinance form and
4 procedures; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the mayor; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting 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 Bowman, approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L.
9 2002, p. 5426), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 2.21 and inserting in lieu thereof
10 a new Section 2.21 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.21.

12 Quorum: voting.

13 Four councilmembers or the mayor and three councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and
14 shall be authorized to transact business of the city council. Voting on the adoption of
15 ordinances shall be by voice vote and the vote shall be recorded in the journal, but any
16 member of the city council shall have the right to request a roll-call vote and such vote shall
17 be recorded in the journal. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the affirmative vote
18 of a majority of those attending shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance,
19 resolution, or motion. An abstention shall be counted as an abstention and shall not be
20 counted as an affirmative or negative vote."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by inserting at the end of Section 2.22 a new subsection (c) to
23 read as follows:

1 "(c) All ordinances shall become effective on the third calendar day following approval by
2 the council."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 Said Act is further amended by striking in its entirety Section 2.29 and inserting in lieu
5 thereof a new Section 2.29 to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 2.29.

7 Powers and duties of the mayor.

8 The mayor shall:

- 9 (1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;
10 (2) Be the head of the city for the purpose of service of process and for ceremonial
11 purposes and be the official spokesperson for the city and the chief advocate of policy;
12 (3) Have power to administer oaths and to take affidavits;
13 (4) Sign as a matter of course on behalf of the city all written and approved contracts
14 with the advice and consent of the city council and all ordinances;
15 (5) Vote on matters before the city council but only in the case of a tie and be counted
16 toward a quorum in accordance with Section 2.21 of this charter;
17 (6) Prepare and submit to the city council a recommended annual operating budget and
18 recommended capital budget; and
19 (7) Fulfill such other executive and administrative duties as may be required by law, this
20 charter, or ordinance."

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 Said Act is further amended by striking in its entirety Section 2.30 and inserting in lieu
23 thereof the following:

24 "SECTION 2.30.

25 Reserved."

26 **SECTION 5.**

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