

House Bill 627

By: Representative Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a new Charter for the City of Preston in the  
2 County of Webster," approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4127), so as to provide for the  
3 continuation in office of the mayor and commissioners; to provide for terms and elections;  
4 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act entitled "An Act to provide a new Charter for the City of Preston in the County of  
8 Webster," approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4127), is amended by striking in its  
9 entirety Section 5.11 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "SECTION 5.11.  
11 Election of Council and Mayor.

12 The mayor and councilmembers elected at the November, 2003, municipal election shall  
13 continue to serve for the remainder of their terms and until their successors are duly elected  
14 and qualified. Beginning on the next Tuesday following the first Monday in November of  
15 2007 and every four years thereafter, there shall be an election for mayor and four  
16 councilmembers. The mayor and councilmembers are to serve four-year terms. The terms of  
17 office of members of the council shall commence at the time of taking the oath of office as  
18 provided for in Section 2.21 of this charter. Each elected officer shall serve until his or her  
19 successor is duly elected and qualified and has taken the oath of office."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by striking in its entirety Section 20 and inserting in lieu thereof  
22 the following:

1 "SECTION 20.  
2 Effective Dates.

3 For the purpose of holding the elections provided for in Section 5.11 of this Act, this Act  
4 shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without  
5 such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005."

6 **SECTION 3.**  
7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.