

House Bill 783

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Hill of the 21st, Scheid of the 22nd, and Murphy of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Ball Ground, approved March 28,
2 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4552), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms of office for
3 the mayor and councilmembers; to provide that persons in office on the effective date of the
4 Act shall complete the terms for which they were elected; to provide an effective date; to
5 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 Ball Ground, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga.
9 L. 1990, p. 4552), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 2.10 and
10 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(b) The mayor and councilmembers in office on July 1, 2005, shall serve for terms of two
12 years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Persons elected to the
13 office of mayor or councilmember after the expiration of the two-year term of office of the
14 persons in office on July 1, 2005, shall serve for terms of four years and until their
15 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as
16 mayor or councilmember unless he or she shall have been a resident of this city for 12
17 months immediately preceding the election of mayor or councilmembers; each such person
18 shall continue to reside within the city during said period of service and shall be registered
19 and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. No person's name shall be listed
20 as a candidate on the ballot for election for either mayor or councilmember unless such
21 person shall file a written notice with the clerk of said city that such person desires his or
22 her name to be placed on said ballot as a candidate either for mayor or councilmember. No
23 person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless such person shall
24 file above said notice within the time provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
25 the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

SECTION 2.

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2 Said Act is further amended by striking subsections (c) and (e) of Section 2.11 and inserting
3 in lieu thereof the following:

4 "(c) The mayor and councilmembers who are in office on July 1, 2005, shall serve until the
5 expiration of the term of office for which they were elected and until their successors are
6 elected and qualified."

7 "(e) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2005, there shall be
8 elected a mayor and councilmembers for Post 4 and Post 5 to succeed the mayor and
9 councilmembers for Post 4 and Post 5, respectively; and successors to the mayor and
10 councilmembers for Post 4 and Post 5 elected in 2005 shall be elected quadrennially
11 thereafter. On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2006, there shall
12 be elected councilmembers for Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3 to succeed the councilmembers
13 for Post 1, Post 2, and Post 3, respectively; and successors to the councilmembers for Post
14 1, Post 2, and Post 3 elected in 2006 shall be elected quadrennially thereafter. It is the
15 purpose of this section to provide for staggered terms for the councilmembers. The terms
16 of office shall begin at the time of taking the oath of office as provided in Section 3.11."

SECTION 3.

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18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

SECTION 4.

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