

House Bill 583 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Mosley of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Patterson in the County of Pierce,
2 approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4545), as amended, so as to reduce the number of
3 members of the city council from six to five members; to provide for the time and manner
4 of election of the mayor and council; to provide for the terms of the mayor and council; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Patterson in the County of Pierce, approved
9 April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4545), as amended, is amended by striking Sections 2.10 and
10 2.11 and inserting in lieu thereof new Sections 2.10 and 2.11 to read as follows:

11 **"Section 2.10.** Creation; composition; number; election. Until the first organizational
12 meeting of the city council in January 2006, the governing authority of this city shall be
13 composed of a mayor and six council members. On and after the first organizational
14 meeting of the city council in January 2006, the governing authority of this city shall be
15 composed of a mayor and five council members. The mayor and council members shall
16 be elected in the manner provided by Article V of this charter.

17 **Section 2.11.** Terms and qualifications of office. The mayor and council members shall
18 serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and
19 qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or council member unless he or
20 she shall have been a resident of the city for a period of at least one year immediately
21 prior to the date of the election of mayor or members of the council and shall continue
22 to reside therein during his or her period of service and shall be registered and qualified
23 to vote in municipal elections of the city."

1 remainder of the term. In all other respects, the special election shall be held and
2 conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia
3 Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended.

4 **Section 5.13.** Nonpartisan elections. Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city
5 offices, and all names of candidates for city offices shall be listed without party labels.

6 **Section 5.14.** Other provisions. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the council
7 shall, by ordinance, prescribe such other rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to
8 fulfill any options and duties under Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia
9 Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended."

10 **SECTION 3.**

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