

House Bill 362

By: Representatives Bryant of the 160th, Gordon of the 162nd, Jackson of the 161st, Day of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973
2 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to provide for the election by the mayor and the
3 city council of a president of council who shall assume the duties of the mayor in the event
4 that the mayor and the mayor pro tem are unavailable; to provide that the mayor pro tem and
5 the president pro tem be elected by secret ballot; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L.
10 1973, p. 3581), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2.20 as
11 follows:

12 "(b) The Council shall meet for organization at its first regular meeting next following the
13 meeting where the oath of office has been administered. The Council, by a majority vote of
14 all members thereof, shall elect one of their number to be Mayor Pro Tem, who shall serve
15 for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The Council shall
16 also, by majority vote of all the members thereof, elect one of their number, other than the
17 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, to be President of Council who shall assume the Mayor's
18 position in the event that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are both unavailable. The President
19 of Council shall serve for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified.
20 If the Mayor Pro Tem or President of Council leave office before their respective terms have
21 expired, he shall be replaced by a majority vote of Council at any regular meeting of the City
22 Council. The election for both the Mayor Pro Tem and President of Council may be
23 conducted by secret ballot during an open meeting whereat the vote count is announced, with
24 the ballots case being subject to public inspection."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.